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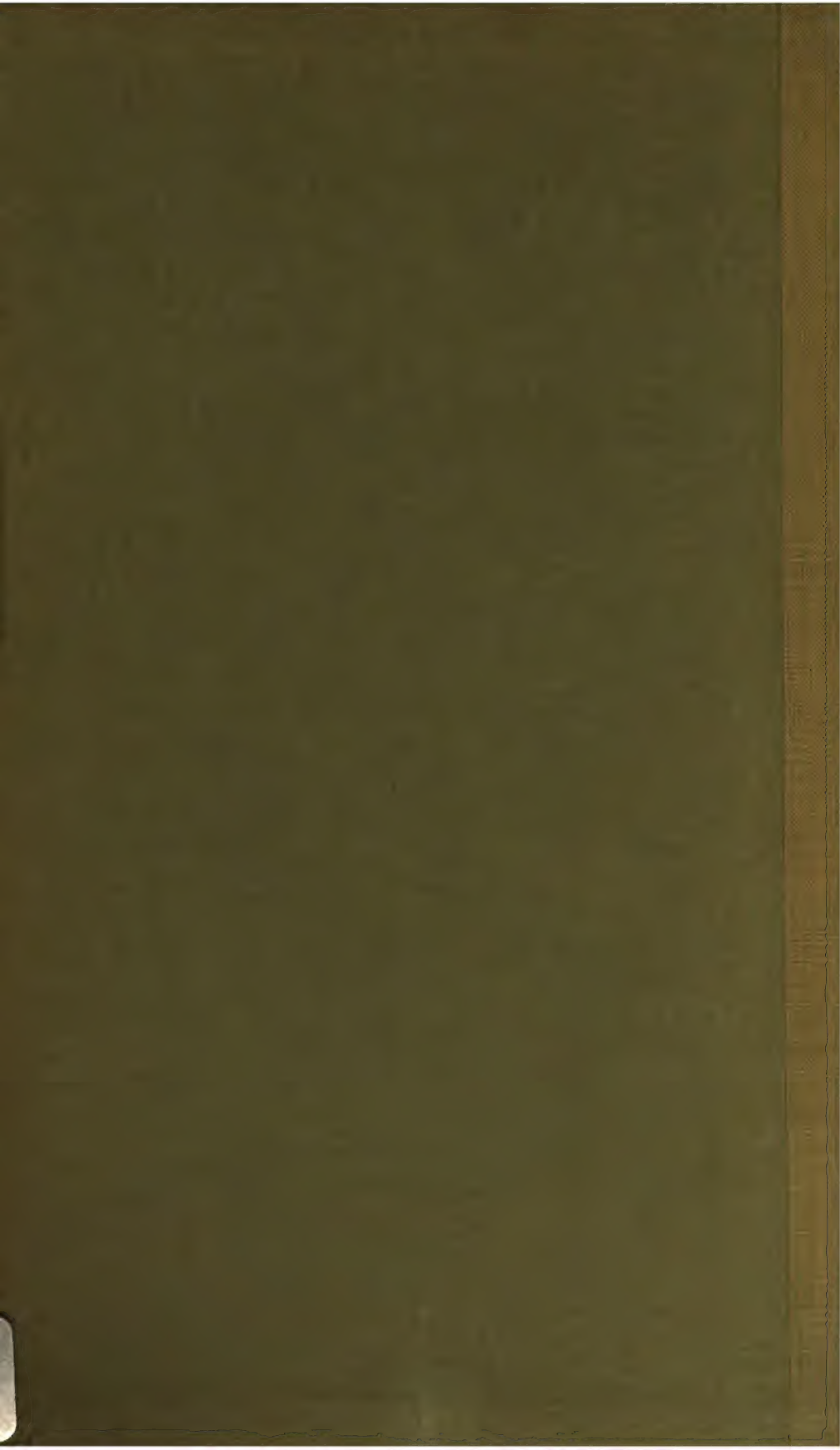
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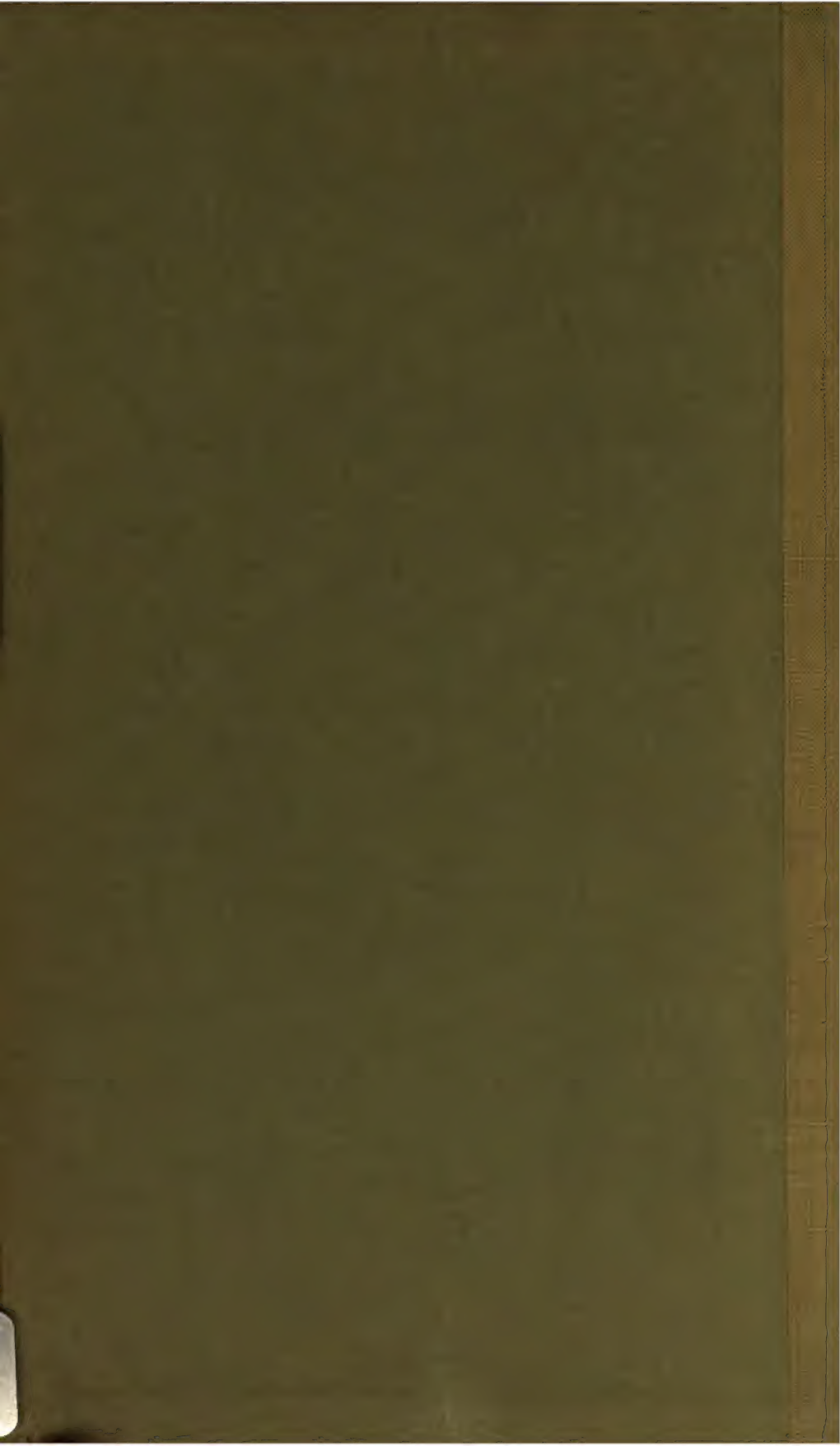


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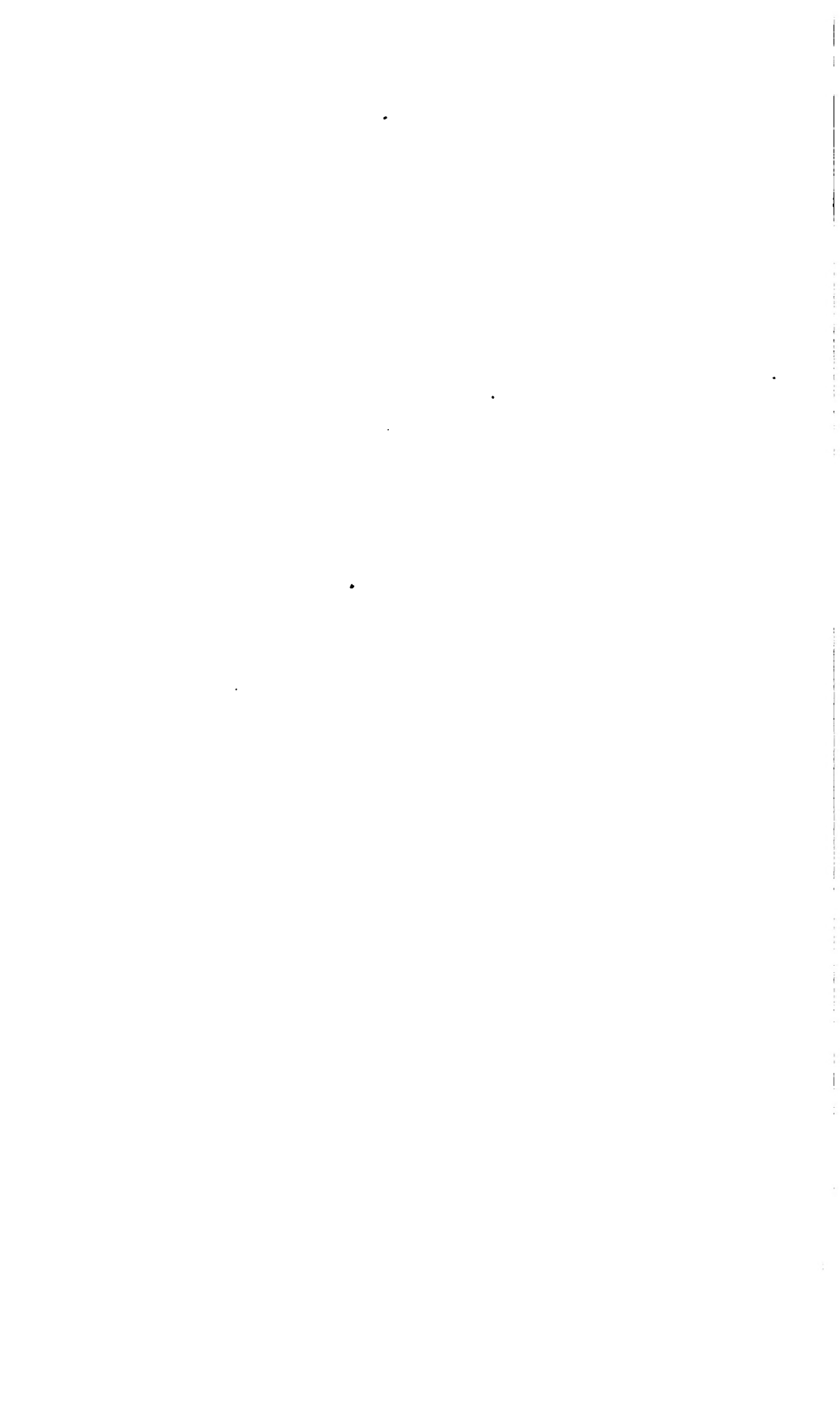


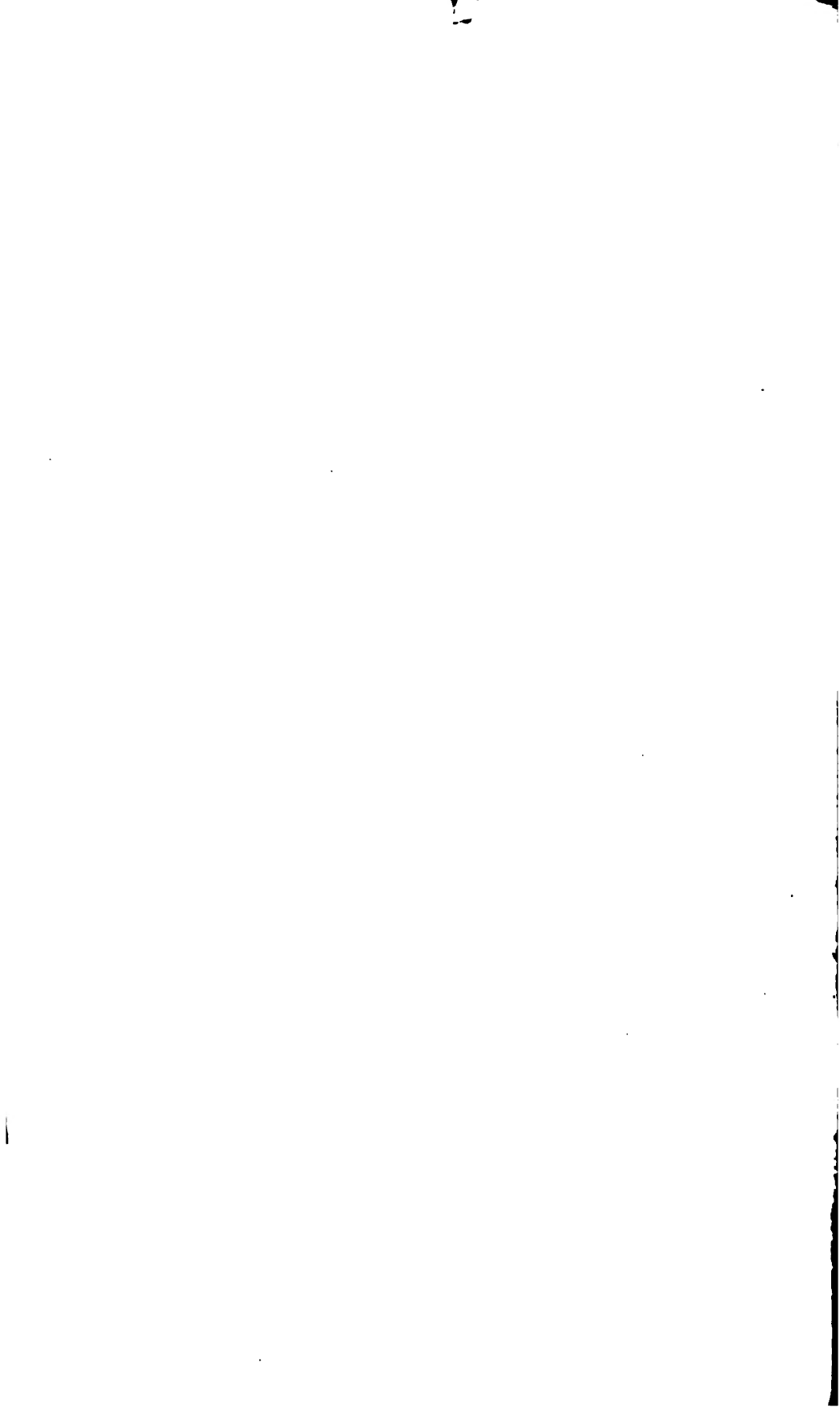
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*Nos patriæ fines, et dulcia scripsimus arva. VIRG.*

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## MASSINGHAM MAGNA, OR DERTFORD'S.

At the survey no distinction is made of the townships of *Great* and *Little Massingham*, so that it seems at that time to be undivided, and occurs under the name of *Masincham*, and *Marsincham*, being seated on a wet, or marshy meadow or common. The principal manor was then in King *William* the Conqueror.

*Herold* was lord of it in the time of the Confessor, (and when he was King, and slain at the battle of *Hastings*) when there were 3 carucates of land and 4 villains, and when *Roger* (*Bigot*) farmed it under the King, one borderer, 4 servi, and an acre of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, paunage for 10 swine, and 25 socmen belonged to it, with 3 carucates and 20 acres of land; there were also 6 carucates and an half, &c. valued then at 40s. at the survey at 10*l.* per ann. but of the 25 socmen in King *Edward's* time with all their customary duties belonging to this manor, *Wido Angevin* has 20, who held 2 carucates of land, with 58 acres and the fourth part of an acre. *William de Warren* has also 3 of them, who hold 120 acres and an half, and *Roger Bigot* has one with 15 acres; and *William de Sores* one, with 10 acres. *Ralph Baynard* had also taken possession of the lands of 14 freemen, with 12 villains. The whole was one mile long, and half a mile broad, and paid 20*d.* to a 20s. gelt.<sup>1</sup>

Besides this lordsip, the Conqueror had in the hundred of *Docking*, *Southmere*, *Titchwell*, and *Stanho*;—in *Weyland* hundred, *Saham*,

<sup>1</sup> Terr. Regis.—Masingham, ten. Herold. T. R. E. iii car. tre. tnc. iiii vill. quando Rog. recep. iii et mo. simil. semp. i bord. tnc. iiii serv. p' et mo. i et un. ac. jti. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p' et mo. i silv. x porc. hic jacent xxv soc. iiii car. tre. et xx acr. tnc. et p' vi car. et dim. mo. dim. semp. vii porc. et Lxiii ov. tc. et p' val. xl. sol. mo. x lib. De hoc manerio defunt xx soc. qui aderant,

T. R. E. cum omi consuetudine, xx hor. tenet Wido Angevin, et hab. ii car. tre. et Lviii ac. et quarta' partem unius acr. et W. de Warennia iiii qui h'nt cxx ac. et dim. et Rog. Bigot qui ht. xv acr. et W. de Sores i de x acr. S'nt. et hoc. manerio ablati xliiii lib. ho'es. et xii vill. quos. ten. Rad. Baignard. hoc totu. ht. i mill. in long. et dim. in lato. et de xx sol. reddit xxd. in gelt.

*Girston, Caston, and Breccles*;—in *Fourhow* hundred, *Hingham*;—in *Mitford* hundred *Flockthorp*;—in *Galgou* hundred, *Fakenham, Althorp, Thorpland, Creik, Stiberd* and *Kettleston*;—in *Brodercross* hundred, *Dunton, and Norton*;—in *Holt* hundred, *Holt, Cley, Sniterley, Hempstede, Bathely, Burston, Hunworth, Stodey, Bayfield, Glanford, Gunthorp, Scarnton, and Merston*;—in *North Greenhow, Wighton, Houghton, Holcham, Quarles, Egmere, Well, Warham, Stukey, Hindringham, Walsingham, and Dalling*;—in *Walsham*, hundred, *Motheton, and Bustwick*;—in *West Flegg* hundred *Martham and Clipsby*;—in *Heinsted* hundred, *Framingham*;—in *Diss* hundred, *Wattlingsete, and Burston*;—in *Eynsford* hundred, *Folsham, Whitwell, and Branteston*;—in *Taverham* hundred, *Taverham, and Felthorp*;—in *South Erpingham* hundred, *Caston, Oldton, Stratton, Colby, and Wickmer*;—in *Tunsted* hundred, *Felmingham*;—in *East Flegg* hundred, *Ormesby, and Runham*;—in *Clavering* hundred *Rildincham*: also possessions and lordships in *Norwich, Yarmouth, and Thetford*; there were also many other lordships which *Godric* (his bailiff) took care of, and also *William de Noiers* (as we shall show) for the Conqueror.

This lordship remained in the Crown till King *Henry I.* gave it to *Robert*, son of *Ernisius*, whose son *Endo* enjoyed it; but *Robert*, *Endo's* son, rebelling against King *John*, it was granted September 15, by that King's letters patents dated at *Winchester* in his 18th year to *Jeffrey Fitz-Peter* Earl of *Essex*, whose sons, *Jeffrey* and *William de Maudevile*, Earls of *Essex*, by *Beatrice* his first wife, daughter of *William de Say*, inherited it, and dying without issue it came to *John Fitz John*, who was son of *John Fitz Jeffrey*, son of *Jeffrey Fitz-Peter*, the aforesaid Earl of *Essex*, by his second wife, *Aveline*.

*William de Maudevile* Earl of *Essex*, and lord, gave to *Elias de Chenduit* 100s. rent per ann. out of this lordship, and enfeoffed *Geffrey*, son of *John Le Syre*, in 18 acres and an half of land, and in service due to him in harvest, with his part of the heath, and one mark per ann. rent to be paid out of the same to the nuns of *Shouldham*.

*John* Lord *Fitz John*, in the 3d of *Edward I.* granted *Roger* Bishop of *Norwich*, and to the church of the *Holy Trinity* of *Norwich*, the advowson of the church of *St. Mary* of *Massingham*, belonging to this lordship: on his death it came to his brother, *Richard Fitz John*, Ao. 4 of *Edward I.* a baron of the realm, who granted it by his deed, dated at *London* on the the feast of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, in the 6th of the said King, to *Sir Thomas de Weyland*, the judge. *Stow* calls him the King's chief justice; he was, in the 17th of the said reign, found guilty of notorious bribery and corruption, his whole estate and his goods were confiscated, and he was banished the kingdom. The aforesaid historian relates, "that being convicted, and fearing "to yield himself to the King's mercy, he went to the Friars-minors, "at *Babwell* in *Suffolk*, took on him the habit of a gray friar, but being "discovered by some of his servants, he was watched and guarded, and "after two month's siege, went out, forsaking his friar's coole, and "was taken and sent to the Tower."

After this, King *Edward II.* on November 22, in his eleventh year, granted it to *Sir Walter de Norwich* in fee farm, paying 8 marks per ann. into the Exchequer, who died seized of it in the 3d of *Edward III.* and the said King, at the request of his mother, Queen *Isabel*,

gave the said 8 marks *per ann.* to the nuns of *Brodholm* in *Nottinghamshire*.

In the 8th of *Edward III.* *Sir John de Norwich* was lord, and had a grant of a weekly mercate, on *Friday*, and of a fair for 3 days yearly, on the vigil, day, and day after *St. Simon and Jude*, dated *June 10*, at *Newcastle on Tyne*; witnesses, *William* Archbishop of *York*, *Richard* Bishop of *Durham*, Treasurer, *John de Eltham* Earl of *Cornwall*, the King's brother, *John de Warren* Earl of *Surrey*, *Henry de Percy*, *William de Montacute*, *Ralph de Nevill*, steward of the household, &c.; and in the 31st of the said reign, *Sir John* had a grant of free-warren here, &c. on *November 10*; in the same year on *June 16*, license was granted to the prioress, &c. of *Brodholm* to release to him the rent of the 8 marks *per ann.* he occurs lord in the 36th of that King, and to have the lete.

On the death of *Sir John de Norwich*, s. p. it descended to *Catharine Brewse*, who was daughter and heir of *Sir Thomas*, brother of *Sir John de Norwich*, (father of *Sir Walter*, who was father of the late *Sir John*.) and a nun at *Dertford* in *Kent*; and appears to be possessed of it in the 1st of *Richard II.* on *September 3*, in the 8th of that King, license was granted to *John Darentre*, parson of *Broom*, *Walter Berkley*, vicar of *Kimberley*, *John Crunchouse*, *Edmund Lakenheath*, &c. (trustees of the aforesaid lady,) to amortise this manor; with its appertanances, fairs, mercates, &c. to the prioress of *Dertford*, to find a chaplain to celebrate in the infirmary of that house, to take care of (and for the relief of) the sick, and the sisters therein.

At the Dissolution it was farmed by *Henry Bedingfeld*, Esq. and on *January 31*, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip and Mary*, granted, with the advowson of the church, by the name of *Massingham Magna*, alias *Dertford*, alias Lady mayor, to *Thomas Gresham*, Esq. afterwards a Knight, and founder of the Royal Exchange in *London*, who died lord of it.

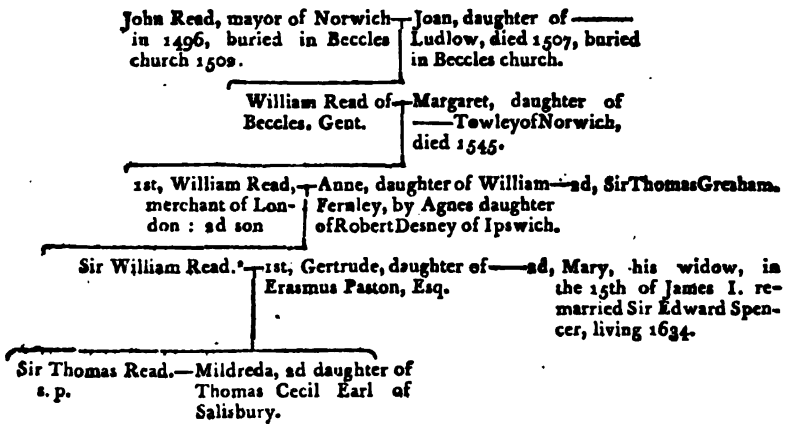
On the death of the Lady *Anne Gresham*, his relict, at *Osterley-house*, in *Middlesex*, *November 23*, in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, she was found to die seized of it, held by the 20th part of a fee; and *Sir William Road*, was her son and heir, aged 50: she was a daughter of *Will. Fernky*, Gent. of *West Creeting* in *Suffolk*, and had to her first husband, *William Road*, a merchant of *London*, of the family of the *Reads* of *Beccles* in *Suffolk*, and was father of *Sir William*, who kept a court here as lord, *July 21*, in the 9th of *James I.*

After the *Reads*, it was in the family of the *Berkhams* of *Southacre* and *Westacre*.



# MASSINGHAM MAGNA.

## READ'S PEDIGREE



*Read* bore *azure*, on a bend wavy, *or*, three shovellers, *sable*, in a bordure engrailed *argent*, of eight torteaux.

Sir *Thomas Gresham* bore *argent*, a chevron, erminé between three mullets, pierced *sable*.

*Ferneley*, *or*, on a bend, *vert*, three bucks heads caboshed, *argent*.

In 1595, *William Laurence*, the Lady *Ann Gresham's* bailiff, accounted for the revenues of this lordship for one whole year.—Rent of assise of the free and bond tenants 10*l.* 2*s.* 7*d.* for the farm and site of the manor, with 2 fold courses, and demean lands, 206*l.*; for a tenement and land 20*s.*; profits of a court with a lete 8*s.* 3*s.*—Total 217*l.* 10*s.* 10*d.*—Paid 4*s.* for 4 suits to the sheriff's turn, to the bailiff of the hundred.

This lordship came to *Charles Yallop*, Esq. (only son of Sir *Robert Yallop*, Knt. of *Bowthorp* by *Norwich*, and *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of *Clement Spelman*, Esq. of *Grays Inn*, London, a Baron of the Exchequer) on his marriage with *Hellen*, only daughter and heir of Sir *Edward Barkham*, Bart. of *Westacre*; whose son and heir, *Edward Yallop*, alias *Spelman*, Esq. conveyed it to Sir *Robert Walpole* Earl of *Orford*, and in that family it remains.

## MONKS, OR CASTLEACRE PRIORY MANOR.

*Robert*, son of *Ernisius*, lord of *Massingham Magna*, gave by the advice of his wife, &c. to the monks of *Acre*, in pure alms, 10 acres of his demean land, and all the land, which his men had given and sold to the monks, viz. of *William*, son of *Scule*, 2 curtilages, with an herbergate, &c. and 22 acres in the fields, 12 acres, part of the heath thereto belonging, and 9 acres, s. d.<sup>3</sup>

\* Two fairs, one on St. Simon and held by Sir William Read, lord of this Jude, the other on Good-Friday, were

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Castleacre, fol. 14. 15.

*Robert* confirmed the gifts of his grandfather *Robert*, and that of *Eudo* his uncle, who gave 5 acres: in this deed he mentions the gift of his grandfather to be where the site of their houses were: the said *Eudo* also gave 4 acres in *Massingham*, at *Rainham-Gate*, with many liberties, &c.

*Philip*, son of *Ernisius*, was also a benefactor; witnesses, *Robert*, abbot of *Fonteney*, *Eudo*, son of *Ernisius*, &c.

*Robert*, son of *Ralph de Massingham*, for the health of his wife, *Claricia*, gave them 10 acres at *Reynham-Gate* and *Blackhoe-Hill*.

*Hugh*, son of *Eudo*, confirmed the lands of *Torald*, viz. 60 acres.

*Robert*, son of *Hugh*, son of *Eudo*, confirmed the same, with a curtilage and part of the heath.

*Herbert*, son of *Richard de Massingham*, and *Lefled* his wife, with *Yvo* and *William* his brothers, gave 60s. in charity; witnesses, *Yvo*, the priest of *Massingham*, *Bond*, the provost of the monks, *William*, son of *Torald*, *Warine de Massingham*, &c. which deed was offered up on the altar of *St. Mary at Acre* (*Castleacre priory church*) in the sight of the witnesses to it, and of many others.

*William*, son of *Herbert of Massingham*, gave them a foldcourse here and on the heath, with part of the heath; witnesses, *Alan*, and *Alexander de Ingaldesthorp*, *Henry*, son of *Hugh de Geyton*, *Adam de Wulferton*, *John le Syre*, *Ralph* his brother, *Phil de Brecham*, &c.

*Gilbert*, son of *Richard*, gave them lands here; witnesses, *Alan*, priest of *Oswick*, *Roger de Herlings*, *Ro. de Grimston*, *Ralph de Neke-ton*, &c.

*Ralph de Roseto* gave them lands in *Massingham*, of the fee of *Earl Hugh*, (*Bigot*) held by *Ralph de Gar*, and 5s. in *Rochelund*; witnesses, *William de Spineville*, &c.

*Jeffrey de Massingham*, and his brethren, *Ivo*, *Adam*, *Philip*, *Thomas*, &c. granted to them 40 acres of land here, and all testified and swore to it, on the holy Gospel, in the chapter of the monks at *Acra*, and every one of them (that this grant might be more confirmed) made an impression with their teeth on wax, that was placed on the chirograph, instead of a seal; and for this grant the monks gave them 10s.; witnesses, *Master Steph. de Burham*, *Yvo*, the presbyter, &c.

*Adalicia de Claromonte* confirmed to them the gift of *Geffrey de Favarches* (called in the schedule *Le Fanniard*, and *Le Fannard*, and was founder of *Walsingham abbey*) of lands in *Massingham Magna*, paying 4s. per ann. for all services; witnesses, *Her. de Montemorentino* (*Mountmorency*) *Peter de Sengham*, the sewer, *William de Timerword* (*Timworth*) *William de Wigreham*, *Richard de Montfitchet*, *Margaret de Montfitchet*, &c.

*Robert de Briencourt* confirmed the said lands, to be held of him, paying 3s. rent per ann. saving the service due to the King; witnesses, *John de Briencourt*, *Bartholomew*, dean of *Walsingham*, *Geffrey*, dean of *Fincham*, *Maurice de Barsham*, *Robert de Droe*, *Adam*, son of *Roger de Suldham*, &c.

*Master Robert de Bilney* gave them a moiety of a mill in *Massingham*, and one rood of land, they paying 3d. per ann. and also released the suit or custom due from the monks tenants in *Massingham* thereto, so long as *Alexander*, bailiff of the monks, who farmed it, held the same.

*Alan*, son of *Richer of Massingham*, confirmed lands given them

here by *Jeff. son of William de Massingham*, at *Paynes Wong*, 6 acres at *Galtreshill*, *Medue Croft*, &c.; witnesses, *Sir Gess. le Syre*, Master *Edmund de Massingham*.

*Alan de Ingoldestorp* confirmed to them the lands which *Hugh de Cailli* gave them, viz. 12 acres.

*Richard*, son of *Edward de Massingham*, gave them 3d. rent and land here; witnesses, *Nicholas le Sire of Massingham*, *Reg. de Gayton*, *Godfrey de Acra*.

*Robert de Frevill* quit-claimed to them all that he held of his fee in *Massingham* freely, in men, land, customs, &c. as it was given to him, with 2 parts of the tithe in all things; witnesses, *Robert*, his father, *Ralph de Baliol*, *William de Ernevill*, *William de Sarcell*, *Ralph de Capravill*. *William*, the 9d Earl (*Warren*) confirmed this gift, and 5s. rent in *Massingham*, of the gift of *Ralph*, son of *Alveric*, in *Massingham*.

*Hugh*, son of *Robert de Massingham* (lord of *Massingham Parva*) confirmed to them 5 acres, and all the donations of his father and predecessors; witnesses, *Ralph de Patiale*, *Hugh de Bukham*, *Jeffrey de Congham*, Master *Sim. de Atru*, *Robert*, father of *Hugh*, son of *Ralph*, gave them 10 acres, &c.

*Ralph*, son of *Bladain*, gave them one acre in *Massingham Parva*.

*Ordinarius*, son of *Toche*, 2 acres in *Massingham Parva*, at *Holdich*.

*Hervey*, son of *Richer de Docking*, 3 acres; witnesses, *Nicholas de Docking*, *Gess. de Congham*. *Richard*, son of *Hubert de Massingham*, 2 acres.

*Hubert* son of *Richard de Massingham*, released to them, 2d. rent per ann. out of the land given by his father.

All these gifts above mentioned are taken out of the chartulary of the priory of *Castleacre*, in the library of the late Earl of *Oxford*, and are *sem dato*.

*Ralph de Kailli*, and *Elias* his brother, gave to the monks of *Lewis* (that is to *Castleacre*, being a cell to it) all their father's land in *Massingham*, which *Hugh* their brother held of *Elias*, paying a mark of silver; and *Elias* gave to *Ralph* 1d. per ann. rent, which they both gave to the monks, laying the deed upon the altar at *Hecham* (in *Norfolk*;) and with them *Robert de Kailli* and *Richard* his brother, and *William*, son of *Renier*, their kinsman, released their right of succession in the land;\* and for this gift, *Ralph*, son of *Gode de Linna*, gave to *Elias* 10 marks, to *Ralph* 4s. and to *William* 5s. that *Ralph*, son of *Gode*, might hold it for ever of the church, paying a pound of pepper yearly, and a pound of *cumin*; witnesses, *Gess.* and *Alan de Snetesham*, *Ralph* and *Peter de Hunstanton*, &c. and before the sock of all *Hecham*.

On a precept's being issued out to distrain the prior of *Castleacre* for default of suit of court to the Earl of *Gloucester*, Mr. *John Lewis*, clerk, their attorney, appeared at a court held at *Walsingham*, on *Wednesday* on the feast of *St. Catherine*, 1310, before *Robert de Bures*, steward, and others, and produced a writing signed by *Sir William de Clare*, (one of the sons of *Gilbert Earl of Gloucester*, and his wife, sister to the Earl of *Pembroke*,) wherein he quit-claimed for himself and his heirs, to the prior, all suit of court, which he required of him

and his men, for a certain tenement belonging to his fee in *Massingham*, on the payment of 10s. *per ann.* to him and his heirs; witnesses, -----, Earl of Gloucester, his brother, Sir *William de Braye*, Sir *Walter de Scotene*, Sir *Henry de Suny*, &c.

There being a dispute with the prior relating to the tithes of his manor, *William* Bishop of *Norwich* ordained that the prior should pay yearly to the churches of *Massingham*, for the tithes of their demesne lands, &c. xvs.;<sup>2</sup> and because it lay in two parishes of the churches of *Massingham*, the portion to be paid to the church of *St. Mary*, after the death of *Yvo* the priest, should be 10s. and the portion to that of *All-Saints* 5s. *per ann.*; witnesses, *William*, archdeacon of *Norwich*, Master *Stangr. Ern. Lupell*, *Geff. de Massingham* *Geff. de Depeden*, &c. This seems to be in the time of *William Turbus*, Bishop of *Norwich*, and before the year 1149, when *William*, the archdeacon, was dead.

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued at 7l. 13s.

On the dissolution of the priory of *Castleacre*, this manor was granted to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, to be held of the King *in capite*, December 22, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of King *Henry VIII.*; from the Duke of *Norfolk* it came to the *Walpoles*, and *John Walpole*, serjeant at law, was found to hold it, whose son and heir, *William*, had livery of it in the 5<sup>th</sup> of *Elizabeth*.

In the 10<sup>th</sup> of *James I.* November 12, *Edward Robinson*, Gent. bought *Monks* manor of *John Bedle*, Gent. and others, and was lord of it in the 15<sup>th</sup> of that King.

### MASSINGHAM PRIORY MANOR.

In the town of *Great Massingham* was a cell, or small priory, belonging to *Castleacre* priory, dedicated to the Virgin and *St. Nicholas*, and often called in old writings the Hospital of *St. Mary*; it was founded by *Nicholas le Syre*, of *Massingham*: this *Nicholas* was witness to a deed of *Richard*, son of *Edward de Massingham*, who gave land, and 3d. rent *per ann.* to the priory of *Castleacre*, *ans. date*.

Many of the said name were witnesses to grants of land to that priory,<sup>3</sup> but *ans. date*; viz. Sir *Geffrey le Syre*,<sup>4</sup> *John le Sire*, and *Ralph* his brother. I take him to be the same person who in the 45<sup>th</sup> of *Henry III.* granted by the name of *Nicholas de Massingham*, by fine, to the prior of the hospital of *St. Mary* of *Massingham*, one messuage, a mill, 2 carucates of land in *Massingham Magna* and *Parva*, 5s. rent and a furlong of heath here, &c. in *Marham*, *West Wenz*, (*Winch*), and *Sechethe*, with all homages, services of freemen and villains, wards, reliefs, paying an annuity of 15l. *per ann.* to *Nicholas* for life, 5l. *per ann.* to *John* his brother, and to *Jeane* his sister 6 marks.

In the time of the said King, the prior of *Massingham Magna* was found to hold one knight's fee of the Earl of *Warren*; in the 3d of *Edward I.* he was found to hold 2 carucates in *Massingham*, of the gift of *Nicholas le Syre*, part, as it is said, of the King's fee; and in the 21<sup>st</sup> of that King, *John Lambeth* and others aliened lands in *Massingham*.

<sup>2</sup> Regis. *Castleacre*. fol. 118.

<sup>3</sup> Lig. 3 N. 23.

<sup>4</sup> *William de Magnaville* Earl of *Rase*.

temp. Hen. III. gave to this *Geffrey*, 13 acres and a half of land, and services due to him (*precariis*) in harvest, &c.

*tingham* to the said priory; in the 34th of the same reign, *Simon Broke* and others aliened lands in *Massingham Magna*, and in the following year, the prior of *Beeston*; this prior, *Simon de Felbrigg*, and others, held lands in *Briston*, *Runton*, *East Harling* and *Massingham Magna*, of the fee of *Roger Bygod* Earl of Norfolk.

In the 3d of *Edward II.* *Henry de Massingham* aliened 4 messuages, and 128 acres of land in *Massingham*; in his 7th year *Simon Knout*, and others, aliened divers parcels of land in *Massingham Magna*; and in the 5th of the said King, *Simon Broke of Brandon*, and *Catherine* his wife conveyed by fine to the prior, lands in the said town.

In the 12th of *Edward II.* 6 acres, and many other parcels of land, were purchased by them; also in the said reign, *John de Deneby* aliened a messuage and 11 acres; *John de Hinton*, 30 acres, a messuage and 8 acres; and *Richard Shipdam* aliened a messuage and 2 acres of lands, to *Jeffrey* the prior, in *Massingham Magna*, and the said *Richard* aliened to *Geffrey*, prior of *Massingham Magna*, lands here in the 9th of the said King, as did *John*, son of *Robert de Holme*, and *Agnes* his wife, in the 14th of that reign.

In the 3d of *Edward III.* *Humphrey of Schipedam* gave lands: in the 20th of that King, the prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee in *Massingham Magna* and *Parva*, and *West Winch*, of the Earl-marshall: and in the 22d of *Richard II.* he was found to hold lands of the fee of *Roger Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, in *Massingham Magna* and *Parva*.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory, in rent, a mill, &c. were valued at 18*l.* 2*s.* per ann.

On its dissolution it was granted *January 21*, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, with the manor and rectory of *Langham*, and advowson of the vicarage, the manor of *Merston*, and the advowson of the rectory, the manor of *Walsingham*, the manor of *Combs*, and advowson of the rectory, and the manor of *Narford*, to *Thomas Gresham, Esq.* On the death of *Sir Thomas Gresham*, in 1579, it came to his lady, *Anne*, and on her decease to her son *Sir William Read*, by her first husband, who held it with his lordship of *Massingham Magna*, or *Deertford's*; and is now in the Earl of *Oxford*, as may be there seen.

#### PRIORS.

*William* occurs prior in the 44th of *Henry III.* as per a fine.

*Jeffrey* occurs in the 4th and the 9th of *Edward II.*

1325, *John de Lenn* admitted.

1354, *John Brandon*.

1372, *John de Reynham*.

1378, *Roger de Brisele*.

1383, *John de Hegham, alias Grey*.

1420, *Nicholas Felbrigg*.

1456, *John Gedney*.

1467, *John Cosyn*.

*Henry Toll* occurs prior in the 16th of *Henry VII.*

*Bishop Tanner* says,<sup>a</sup> that the buildings of this priory manor being

<sup>a</sup> Notit. p. 360.

decayed, it was united in 1475, to *Westacre* priory, and was a cell of two canons and two poor men, to that priory.

*William Earl Warren* had a lordship and a carucate of land, which *Alfret* a freewoman, was deprived of; to this there belonged 3 borderers and one servus, with a carucate valued at 15s. his predecessor had only the protection of them, and King *Herold* had the soc. *Rainold*, son of *Ivo*, claimed it as belonging to his fee, and *Wihenoc* was seized of it; and the father of *Rainald*, and *Rainald* himself was, and the hundred witnessed it.<sup>9</sup>

### FELTHAM'S MANOR.

The ancient family of *Massingham* seem to enfeofed of part of it; *Robert*, son of *Ralph de Massingham*, *Herbert*, son of *Richard de Massingham*, &c. were benefactors to the prior of *Castleacre's* lordship in this town, as by their deeds *sans date*; as was *Robert de Freovil*, who had a fee of the Earl *Warren*, and *William Earl Warren* confirmed the grant of 20s. *per ann.* in land, to the monks of *Castleacre* in this town, which *Robert Frevill*, junior, gave at his death; these *Frevills* were living about the reign of *Henry I.*

In the reign of *Henry III.* the *Felthams* were lords; and in 1301, *John de Feltham* presented to the church of *Allhallows* or *All-Saints*, in this town, and *Thomas de Feltham* in 1315. *John de Feltham* was witness to a deed of Sir *John de Norwich* in the 20th of *Edward III.* and presented in 1349; he held half a fee of the lord *Tateshale*, and the King, as guardian of *Thomas de Feltham* in 1370, &c.; this *Thomas* was found to die in the 43d of *Edward III.* and to leave *John* his son and heir, aged 3 years; this *John* died (as I take it) in the 5th of *Richard II.* a minor, and in the said year *Richard Ottewy* presented as lord.

*Edmund de Brunham* held it by half a fee, in the 9th of *Richard II.* and in 1402, *Edmund Belzetter*, burgess of *Lynn*, was lord, and by his will in 1417, gives it, with the advowson of *All-Saints* church, to be sold by his executors, and the money issuing thence to be expended by his executors in masses for his soul, and to the poor.<sup>1</sup>

Afterwards it was possessed by *John Wodehouse*, Esq. who presented in 1437, and *Jeremy Wodehouse*, Esq. his son, in 1434. On December 12, in the 21st of *Edward IV.* *Richard Southwell*, *Robert Clere*, and *Bartholomew White*, Esq. appointed *Simon White*, *Robert* and *Thomas Wodehouse*, sons of *John Wodehouse*, Esq. their attornies, to receive rents due to them out of this manor, late *Jeremy Wodehouse's*.

In the 7th of *Edward VI.* a fine was levied between *Robert Bumsted*, querent, *John Copledyk*, and *Elena* his wife, deforciant, of this manor.

*Thomas Alowe*, Gent. in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, August 26, received of *William Yelverton*, Esq. 9l. for the farm of 2 hundred and an half sheep going in *Feltham's* course, and in the 8th of the said Queen, *William*

<sup>9</sup> Tre. Willi. de Warrenna—In Mar-  
sincha. ten. W. i car. tre. qua tenuit Alfret  
liba. femina. T. R. E. semp. iiii. bord.  
et i serv. et i car. et val. xv. sol. de hoc  
habuit suos antec. com. tantu et Herol-

dus soca et Rainald. fili. Ivonis calu'p-  
niatur ad suum feudu. et Wihewoc inde  
fuit saisit. et pater Rainal. et ipse Rain  
et h. testatur. hud.

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Hurning, Norw.

*Walpole*, Esq. had livery of this manor, with one in *Winchotaham*, &c.

Sir *Edward Coke* was possessed of it in the reign of King *James I.* and his descendants, the right honourable *Thomas Coke Earl of Leicester*, died lord of it in 1769.

*William de Scohies* had a manor held of him by *Ralph*, son of *Herhuin*, out of which *Godwine*, a freeman, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, was expelled, containing one carucate of land, with 6 villains, and one carucate in demean, then valued at 10s. at the survey at 5s. The predecessor of *William de Warren* had only the protection, but the soc belonged to the King's manor of *Massingham*. *Godwin* above mentioned was father of King *Harold*, and Earl of *Kent*.<sup>2</sup>

This lordship of *Scohies*, with his other fees, came soon after to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*, and from the *Giffards*, by marriage of the heiress, to the Earls of *Clare*.

Sir *Geffrey de Favarches* (called in the chartulary of *Castleacre*, *Le Fanniard*) gave lands belonging to this fee to the priory manor; he is said to have held the fifth part of a fee, which came mostly to the monks, who held it of the Earls of *Clare*.

On an inquisition taken in the 52d of *Henry III.* the prior of *Castleacre* was found to hold the 5th part of a fee in *Massingham Magna*, of the Earl of *Clare*; this was afterwards held of the Earl of *March*, in *Henry the Sixth's* reign.

*Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had 40 acres, which a freeman was owner of, before the conquest, and *Humphrey de Cuelai* held it under *Roger*, with 2 borderers, valued at 18d. *Alwy*, after the conquest, had seized on it; the soc belonged to the King's manor.<sup>3</sup>

Sir *Roger de Felbrig* held it, in 1280, in right of his wife, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Gilbert de Norfolk*; and *Simon de Felbrig*, in 1303, and Sir *Robert de Herling*, in the reign of *Henry VI.*

The tenths were 12l.—Deducted 2l. 13s. 4d.

The temporalities of *Windham* priory were 13s. 7d.—Of *Westacre* 8s. 6d.

In this town is a free-school, endowed with 20l. per ann. for a master, to be chosen by the rectors of *Massingham Magna* and *Parva*, and of *Harpley*, who is to have no preferment in the church.

## RECTORS OF ST. MARY'S.

*Ivo* the priest, seems to be rector of *Massingham St. Mary*, and *All-Saints*, in the time of *William Turbus* Bishop of *Norwich*.

1266, *Roger de Skerning*, the Bishop's nephew, admitted to this rectory.

1301, *Simon de Ely*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*, archdeacon of *Suffolk*.

1312, *Simon de Claxeby*. Ditto.

<sup>2</sup> Terra Willi. de Scohies—Masinaham tenet Rad fil. Herluini, qd. tenuit Godwin. lib. ho. T.R.E. i car. tre. sep. vi. vill. tc. i car. in dno. tc. val. x sol. mo. v. de hoc habuit antec. Willi. de Warrenna comd. tant. et. soca. in Ma-

sincla. Regis.

<sup>3</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Massingeham i lib. ho. xxx ac. qd tenet Humfed. de Cuelai ii bcr. val. xviii. hanc. t'ram invasit Aluqi. p'q; rex venit in hanc patriam.

- 1331, *Robert de Uffet*, the Bishop's nephew.  
 1335, *John de Newland*, collated by the Bishop, &c.  
 1342, *John de Etton*, ditto, on an exchange for *Exersham*.  
 1346, Mr. *John de la Mare*: Ditto.  
 1351, Mr. *Laurence de Littleton*, by the King; the temporalities then in the King's hands.  
 1354, *John Leche*, ditto, an exchange for *Wode Dalling*.  
 1375, Mr. *John de Derlington*, in decret. licent. by ditto; chancellor to the Bishop of *Norwich*, &c.  
 1375, *Thomas de Thunstale*, alias *Eglisale*, by ditto.  
 1389, *John Ingram*, (an exchange for *St. Peter's, Hereford*), ditto.  
 1399, *Walter Eston*, (an exchange for *Aldenham* in *Hertfordshire*), ditto; he was prebend of *Yatesbury* in the church of *Salisbury*, 14 *Richard II.*  
 1399, Mr. *Thomas Bradmere*. Ditto.  
 1399, *John Lutterell*. Ditto.  
 1405, *John Fermer*, (an exchange for *Kibcheater, Richmond*), ditto, canon of *Litchfield*, and register to Bishop *Spencer*.  
 1416, *John Skot*, by the assignees of the Bishop, then beyond sea.  
 1421, *Henry Kaye*, by the Bishop, archdeacon of *Norwich*, &c.  
 1429, Mr. *Robert Appulby*, LL.B. *Oxon.* by the Bishop.  
 1444, Mr. *John Sareson*, alias *Wykenhale*, decret. doctor. by ditto.  
 1452, Mr. *John Selot*, decret. doctor. collated to this church, and that of *All-Saints*, united, by ditto.  
 1455, Mr. *Robert Appulby*, in decret. doctor. (an exchange for *Blofeld*), by ditto.  
 1458, *Thomas Mark*, ditto, archdeacon of *Norwich*, &c.  
 1459, Mr. *Thomas Dust*, S.T.B. ditto, rector also of the church of *All-Saints*.  
 1472, Mr. *John Wylton*, LL.B. ditto.  
 1475, Mr. *Nicholas Goldwell*, ditto, archdeacon of *Norwich*, chancellor to that Bishop, &c.  
 1478, Mr. *Thomas Marke*. Ditto.  
 1494, *John Jollys*. Ditto.  
 1503, *Alexander Soham*. Ditto.  
 1506, Mr. *Thomas Hare*, LL.D. ditto, chancellor of *Norwich*, &c.  
 1520, *William Newton*. Ditto.  
 John Steele.  
 1553, Mr. *Thomas Abbot*, S.T.B. by the Queen.  
 1556, Mr. *John Nowell*, by the King and Queen, dean of *Bocking*, as I take it.  
 Mr. *Thomas Langley*.  
 1572, *William Gold*, by Sir *Thomas Gresham*.  
 1620, *Christopher Pooley*, by *William Thirlby* and *Robert Pooley*, *hac vice*.  
 John Berege, D.D. died rector, 1698.  
 Benjamin Squire, rector, succeeded, 1731.  
 John Gardiner, LL.D. the late rector, by Sir *Robert Walpole*, Knt.  
 The old valor of this rectory, with the portion of the prior of *Castle-acre*, 40 marks; the portion of the abbot of *Nutley* in the said church, 7s. 7d.\* *Peter-pence*, 14d.

\* The portion of the abbey of *Nutley* Bucks. was granted by the *Giffords*, Earls of



The present valor, 39*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

The monks of *Castleacre*, on the decease of *Ivo* the priest, or rector abovementioned, were, by composition, to pay 10*s.* *per ann.* to *St. Mary's* church, and 5*s.* to *All-Saints*, for the tithes of their demean lands in these parishes. *Regist. Castleac. fol. 18.*

*Symon* Bishop of *Norwich*, 1265, confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre*, 2 parts of the fee, formerly *Robert de Frevil's* of the fee of *Caylli*.

The CHURCH is a regular pile, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the west end is a four-square tower.

On a gravestone with a brass plate in the chancel,

*Hic jacet Joh'es Fermier quonda' rector istius ecclie, qui obiit in die Sci Edmi. Regis et Maris, ao. m.ccccxvi. Littera D'nical. D. cujus a'ie, &c.*

On another,

*Per varios casus, hic jacet (et inturbatum jacet) corpus Johs Beregij D.D. qui fuit filius Johs Beregij S.T.D. hujus ecclesie rector, obt. 9 die mensis Novemb. Ao. Dni. 1690.—Sacrificium Deo; with these arms, argent, a saltire ingrailed between four escallops, sable.*

At the west end of the nave, a gravestone,

*In memory of Thomas Hawley, gent. buried November 4, 1659; and on the wall near, is an achievement,—vert, a saltire ingrailed, argent.*

In this church was the guild of *St. John the Baptist*.

The church of *Massingham All-Saints* was standing in 1392; the valor of it was 33*s.* *Peter-pence*, 3*d.* *ob.*

## RECTORS OF ALL-SAINTS.

1201, *Robert de Stanes*, by *John de Feltham*.

1304, *Richard le Mey*, by *John Aleyn*, burgess of *Yarmouth*, *hac vice*.

1315, *John de Feltham*, by *Thomas de Feltham*.

1349, *John Hakyn*, by *John de Feltham*.

1370, *John de Stoke*, by the King, as guardian to *Thomas de Feltham*.

1371, *Robert de Geydington*, (an exchange for *Bykenore* in *Canterbury* diocese,) by ditto.

1372, *John de Braklin*, by the King, guardian of the heir of *John de Feltham*.

1377, *Robert Smith*, by ditto, (an exchange for *North Fambrugge* in *Essex*.)

1381, *Paul de Dunton*, ditto, (an exchange for *Brede*, in *Chichester* diocese.)

1381, *William Wrong*, by *Richard Ottewy*.

1414, *Richard Trover*, by *Edmund Billerter* of *Lyn*, as lord of *Feltham's*

1427, *William Gaweleston*, (an exchange for *Castle Rising*.) by *John Wodehouse*, Esq.

*Sir Robert Sygon*, of *Len Bishop*, priest, by his will, in 1505, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *St. Mary of Massingham*, gives a legacy to *St. John Baptist's* guild there, 7 acres of land to the common profits of the said town, to pay and discharge the leyte money of 3s. by yere, and to pay the holy brede loofe, and the money longyng ev'ry *Sunday* for ever: a close called *Rysing-Yard*, with half an acre of land, and 23 acres of land in the fields of *Massingham*, in divers pieces.<sup>5</sup>

*Item*, to the commonalty of *Massingham*, with the croft, an acre of land and an half, lying in *Lenn Way*, with all the appertenances, and implements thereto belonging, to make their common drinkyngs of the plow day, and odyr times at their pleasure, so that they every yere kepe myne obit, ringing a peale for my soule, and sing a mass for ever, and do odyr good deeds.

## MASSINGHAM PARVA.

**G**REAT *Massingham* and little *Massingham*, as I have observed, were undivided before, and at the grand survey, making one township, the greatest part of which was in the Conqueror's hands, being the possessions of *Harold*, the late King, who was killed at the battle of *Hastings*. Another part of *Massingham* was the lordship of *Eustace* Earl of *Bologne*: this was what is now called *Massingham Parva*; of this part *Orgar*, a freeman, was lord in King *Edward's* time. It consisted of four carucates of land, to which belonged five villains, five borderers, and 2 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, at the survey 3, one carucate among the freemen, and the fourth part of a salt pit; one socman belonged to it, who held 12 acres of land, 24 sheep, but at the survey 260, &c. It was formerly valued at 20s. at the survey at 50s. *per ann.* and there were 20 socmen of *Herold* in *Marsingham*, who held 2 carucates and an half with 5 borderers; there were at that time and after, 6 carucates; at the survey 3, and valued at 50s.<sup>6</sup>

All these were delivered to *Eustace*, as *Herold* held them, and *Wido Angevin* held the whole under *Eustace*.

<sup>5</sup> Rig. Rex. Norw. fol. 258.

<sup>6</sup> Terre Comitiss Eustachij—Masincham tenuit Orgar lib. ho. T.R.E. iiii car. t're. semp. v vil. et v bord. et ii ac. p'ti tnc. et post ii car. in d'no mo. iii semp. i car. ho'um. et quarta pars sal. hic jacet i soc xii ac. t're. tnc. xxiiii ov. mo. cclx. et xxiii porc. tnc. et p. val. xx sol. mo. l. et xx socm. Heroldi in Marsingham de ii car. et dim. semp. v bord. tnc. et p.

vi car. mo. iii et val. l sol. Isti ho'es fuer. lib'ati sic tenebat eos Herold. mo. hoc totu' tenet Wido Angevin. Tota ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lato. et reddit viiia. de gelto de xx sol.

Marsingham terr. Regis—De hoc manerio desunt xxv soc. qui aderant T.R.E. cum om'i consuetudine, xx hor. tenet Wido Angevin et ha't ii car. t're. et lviia et quartam partem unius acre.

The whole was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 8d. to the 20s. gelt.

*Wido* had also 20 of the 25 socmen who belonged to *Herold's* manor, in the Confessor's time, with all their customs, and who held 2 carucates, 56 acres, and the 4th part of an acre, at the survey, of the king's manor of *Great Massingham*.

The descendants of *Wido Aungcine*, according to the custom of the Normans, assumed the name of *Massingham*, from this town.

*Roger*, son and heir of *Aungcine*, was father of *Sir Robert de Massingham*, who held 7 fees in *Thorp*, *Anmere*, and this town, &c. of the honour of *Bolougne*: he is also sometimes called *Sir Robert de Thorp*, *Eda* his wife survived, and in 1209, is styled *Eda de Thorp*, as lady also of that manor.

*Sir Hugh*, her son, was a benefactor to the monks of *Castleacre*, *Sir John de Thorp* was son of *Sir Hugh*, and sealed with cheque, or and gules, a fess in a bordure, argent, was lord of this town, *Ashwell Thorp*, &c. He married *Margery*, daughter of *Sir Robert de Creke*, lord of *North Creke*, and *Hillington*, &c. and at length his descendant was coheir to that family, and had an interest in those manors.

He died in the reign of *Henry III.* and was father of *Sir Robert*, whose son, *Sir John Thorp*, was living in 1293, and was (as I take it) the first of the *Thorps* that inherited the *North Creke*, and *Hillington* estates, presenting to *North Creke* in 1311, and died in 1323; he married first, *Agnes*, and then *Alke*, relict of *Sir William Mortimer*, (who survived him,) and bore cheque, or and gules, a fess, ermine.

*Sir Robert de Thorp* was his son and heir, by *Agnes*, aged about 30, at his father's death. In 1327, he presented to the church of *North Creke*, and married *Beatrix*, daughter of *Sir Edmund de Hengrave*, and died in 1350.

She presented to this church in 1333, and resided in this town, which, with *North Creke*, she held in jointure.

About this time, *Thomas Sarlet*, the lord's bailiff, accounted for 117s. and 11d. rent of assise, of the free tenants and villains; 10s. 2s. Od. for lands let to farm, and 9s. 3d. perquisites of court.

*Sir Robert* bore azure, three crescents, argent, impaling *Hengrave*, argent, a chief indented, gules, as carved on the porch of this church.

*Sir John de Thorp* succeeded, aged 15; he married *Joan*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Roger Atte-Ash* or *Eshe*, and died in 1340.

*Joan* his widow, in 1345, married to *Sir Roger le Strange*, but having no issue by *Sir John de Thorp*, on her death it descended to *Edmund de Thorp*,<sup>1</sup> brother to *Sir John de Thorp*, which *Edmund* married *Joan*, daughter of *Robert Baymart*; in the 33th of *Edward III.* *Sir Edmund de Thorp* made *John de Holm*, chaplain, and others, his attorneys, to deliver seisin of this manor, and others, to *William de Bergh*, rector of *Cantele*.

*Edmund Berry*, *Robert*, parson of *Creke*, *Thomas de Bumpsted*, citizen of *Norwich*, and *Adam de Redgrave*, parson of *Bathele*, by deed, dated at *Massingham Parva*, on the feast of *St. Ambrose*.

<sup>1</sup> This *Sir Edmund Thorp* seems to be a judge. King *Edward III.* impowered *John Cavendish*, *William de Wychingham*, *William Skipwith*, *Ham. de Felton*, *Richard Waldgrave*, *John Mauteby*, *Edmund de Thorp*, *Thomas Gis-*

*slug*, *William Clerc*, and *Reginald de Ecles*, to try a certain cause between *Henry Bishop of Norwich*, querent, and persons of *Lyth* in *Norfolk*. Dated June 15, 20: 57.

He died in 1603, and was buried in the chancel of *Ashwellthorp*, in *Norfolk*, giving legacies to his tenants here, &c. and to Sir *Edmund*, his eldest son, all his goods in his manor-house in this town, who was married before his father's death, in 1368, to *Margaret*, daughter of *Richard de la Rivere*, October 6; but this wife dying, he afterwards married *Jean*, daughter and heiress of Sir *Robert de Northwood*, or *Norwood*, of *Northwood-Berningham*, in *Norfolk*, and of *Northwood* in *Kent*, widow of *Roger Lord Scales*, of *Newells*.

In 1399, on his going into *France*, he made his will, wherein he gives this manor to his wife, for life, if it should fall into his hands, being then held by his brother *Robert*, and sealed with *azure*, three crescents, *argent*.

He was slain at the siege of *Lover's Castle*, in *Normandy*, in 1417, and his body was brought into *England*, and buried in the church of *Ashwellthorp*, under a stately tomb, where he and his lady lie.

Both these statues are in full length, of white alabaster, under a neat canopy of wood.

The arms of *Thorp*, *azure*, three crescents, *argent*, quartering *Bainard*, *sable*, a fess, between three chevronels, or, being cut on his armour, with a chaplet round his head, and a collar of S.S. On the south side of this tomb are four shields, supported by as many angels, viz. *Thorp* impaling *Bainard*, *argent*, three bars, *gules*, (query if not *Moulton*), impaling *Northwood*; *ermine*, a cross ingrailed, *argent*; cheque, or and *gules*, a bend over all, *ermine*, *Clifton*; *argent*, a chevron, between three bears heads couped, *sable*, muzzled, or, *Berney*. On the north side, or, a lion rampant, *gules*, armed *azure*, *Felbrigg*; *argent*, two bars, and a canton, *gules*, *Boys*; *gules*, a saltire ingrailed, *argent*, *Kerdeston*, and cheque, or and *gules*, a fess, *ermine*, the ancient arms of *Thorp*; and at the head of the tomb, the arms of *St. George*, *argent*, a cross, *gules*, and quarterly, *France* and *England*.

This Sir *Edm.* left 2 daughters and coheirs, *Joan*, who married Sir *Robert Echingham*,<sup>s</sup> Knt. and afterwards Sir *John Clifton*, Knt. of *Buckingham Castle*; but on default of issue, the estate of the *Thorps* was settled on her sister *Isabel*, who married *Philip Tilney* of *Boston*, in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. who together joined in a mortgage of this lordship, by deed, dated July 10, in the 10th of *Henry VI.* with the manor of *North Creke*, to *Charles Aleyn*, parson of *North Creke*, for 6 years, for the payment of 220 marks.

*Isabel*, dying in 1436, was buried in the church of *Ashwell Thorp*, and her husband, then retiring from the world, became a secular canon in the church of *Lincoln*, where he was buried in 1453. His arms were *argent*, a chevron, between three griffins heads, erased, *gules*.

*Frederick Tilney* of *Boston*, Esq. was his son and heir, and enjoyed this lordship and the *Thorps* estate. He married *Elizabeth*, a daughter of *Laurence Cheyney*, Esq. of *Ditton* in *Cambridgeshire*, (relict of Sir *John Say*), by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ——— *Cockain*.

*Cheyney* bore, quarterly, *argent* and *sable*, a bend, lozengy, *gules*. By her he had one only daughter, *Elizabeth*, who married Sir *Humphrey Bouchier*, knight, (eldest son of *John Lord Berners*), who has slain at *Barnet-field*, on the part of King *Edward IV.* on *Easter day*, 1471, and was lord of this manor in right of his wife; she afterwards mar-

<sup>s</sup> Of this family see more in vol. v. p. 49.

ried *Thomas Howard*, son and heir of *John Lord Howard*, (who was created Earl of *Surrey*, and after was Duke of *Norfolk*) and dying in 1507, was buried in the nuns quire of the *Minors*, without *Aldgate*, *London*; but this manor was held for life by the courtesy of *England*, by her husband.

In the 39th of *Henry VI.* it appears that this lordship was rented or farmed by *Henry Thorysby*, at 18*l.* per ann. Lete fee 2*s.* and rented at 12*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* ob. in King *Henry* the Seventh's time.

Sir *John Bourchier*, son and heir of Sir *Humphrey*, was summoned to parliament, as Lord *Berners*, in the 11th and 12th of *Henry VII.* &c. and died deputy-general of the town and marches of *Calais*, March 19, 1532.

He married *Catherine*, daughter of *John Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, who survived him, and died March 12, 1535.

In the 7th year of King *Henry VIII.* the jury find, on the death of Sir *William Capel*, Knt. that long before his death, Sir *John Bourchier* Lord *Berners* had sold his reversion of this manor and advowson, to Sir *William Capel*, who gave it to his grandson, *Edward*, 2d son of Sir *Gyles Capel*, son and heir to Sir *William*, being then held, as it is said, of the prior of *Castleacre*. This *Edward* (afterwards a knight) sold it in the 26th of *Henry VIII.* by fine, with *Anne* his wife, to *John Jenour* and *Anthony Brown*. Soon after this, it came to the *Mordants* family, who before this had an interest in the said town.

*Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*, had a lordship also, of which *Scula* a free-man, who was lord in King *Edward's* reign, was deprived at the conquest; three carucates of land belonged to it, 8 villains, one servus, and there were 2 carucates in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. valued at 20*s.* and *Bervald* held it under *Eudo*.\*

*Eudo* having the lordship or barony of *Tateshale* in *Lincolnshire*, assumed that name, and his descendants held this lordship in capite of the King; of whom see in *Babingley*.

The family of *de Thorp*, of whom we have treated as above, had an interest herein, soon after the conquest, and in the reign of *Edward I.* from the *Thorps* it was conveyed to the *L'Estranges*.

*Henry L'Estrange* of *Hunstanton*, Esq. by his will, dated November 15, 1483,<sup>9</sup> appears to be lord of it, and his 3d son, *John L'Estrange*, Esq. who married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, of *Walton-Deville*, in *Warwickshire*, Esq. died seized of this lordship. By his will, dated December 16, 1516, bequeaths his body to be buried (if he died within 5 miles of *Massingham*) before our blessed Lady, in the chapel on the south side of the chancel of this church, and that a tomb be made for him, and set up there in the said chapel, after the manner of Sir *Henry Heydon's* tomb in *Norwich*, with the arms of him, his wife, and his ancestors, and a sculpture of him and his wife, with an orate, &c. and if his corps lies in any other place, he wills that a plain stone, with his arms, and his wife's, be laid over him, but that a tomb be nevertheless erected here.

To the church of *Massingham Parva* he gives a vestment; and tunicle, after the rate of Sir *Robert Ratcliff's* cope, with orate, &c. of

\* Terre Eudonis filij Spiruwin—  
Masincham tehet B'uoldus quam tenuit  
S'cula lib. ho. T.R.E. sep. iii. car. t're.  
tc. viii villi. mo. vii et i s. tc. ii car. in

d'no. et mo. et i car. ho'um. et iii car.  
possunt restaurari sep. v por. et xl. oves  
et val. xx sol.

<sup>9</sup> Regist. Tippec Norw.

white damask, price 8 marks, to be made after the rate of the green vestment at *Hunstanton*, with the *Stranges* arms, but that his 3 escutcheons have his father's arms, on the one side, his father-in-law's on the other, and his and his wife's at the tayle. To *Barbara* his daughter, all his books of law, except the boarded books, to be given to her son, if she have the fortune to have one; his boarded books to the library of *Lincoln's-Inn*, every one of them to have a scripture of his gift, being a fellow, twice reader and twice treasurer of that Society, and to the chapter of that house, a vestment and an altar cloth, price 10 marks; to his wife the manors of *Massingham* and *Congham*, and after her decease to her daughter *Barbara*, and in default to *Richard le Strange*, the son of *Thomas le Strange*; Master *William Mordaunt* and *Barbara* his daughter, &c. executors; proved October 23, 1517.

This *John* is said to have been one of the King's judges.

*Barbara*, his daughter and heir, married *Robert Mordant*, Esq. lord of this manor and *Congham*, in her right, which *Robert* was eldest son of *William Mordant*, prothonotary of the Common Pleas, by *Jane* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Huntington*, Esq. of *Hempstead* in *Essex*. It appears that in the 21st of *Henry VIII.* he and his wife held this manor, and lands called *Elingham's*, *Walcote's*, *Rusteyn's*, *Geffrey's*, *Pettygard's* and *Alexander's*, with 30 messuages here and in *Congham St. Ann's*, *St. Andrew's*, and *All-Saint's*, &c. and in this family it still remains, *Sir Charles Mordant*, Bart. of *Walton D'Eivile*, in *Warwickshire*, being the present lord, descended from *Sir Osbert de Mordaunt*, a Norman knight, lord of *Radwill* in *Bedfordshire*, by the gift of his brother, *Eustachius de Sancto Egidio*, which he had by the gift of the Conqueror, for his and his father's services at the conquest.

By indenture, dated *November 20*, in the 3d of *Henry VIII.* *Thomas Thomson*, D. D. master of *Christ's* college in *Cambridge*, and the fellows, &c. demised to *John L'Estrange*, of *Massingham Parva*, Esq. all their lands, tenements, rents, services, fold-courses, in this town, and *Harpley*, lately belonging to *Creke* abbey, for 60 years, paying 3*l.* per ann. and all taxes, tenths, &c.

The tenths were 4*l.* Deducted 20*s.*

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were in 1428, valued at 2*l.* 11*s.*

Of *Creke* abbey 6*s.* 8*d.*

Of *Massingham* priory 16*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Andrew*; the ancient valor was 15 marks, and paid *Peter-pence*, 10*d.* The present valor is 9*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

On the outside of the porch are the arms of *Thorp*, azure, three crescents, argent, impaling *Hengrave*; argent, a chief indented, gules.

On a gravestone in the chancel, as you enter,

*Ossa Edw. Salter, hujus ecclesiæ rectoris Maij 26, 1664.*

On a marble gravestone,

*Josephus Hacon, Topcroftæ in agro Norf. natus Maij 17, 1603, educatus Cantabr. coll. Eman. calis vixit inculpabilis, inculpatus, et orthodoxus hujus ecclesiæ rector, annos plus minus 20 -----, and the arms of Hacon, sable, two barrulets, vairy, argent and vert, in chief, a martlet, between two plates.*

On another with a brass plate,

*Orate p. a'i'a. D'ni. Jacobi Bastard, quondam rectoris istius eccl'ie, qui totaliter tectum hujus cancelli fieri fecit, et obt. Ao. Dni. 1590, cuj. &c.*

In the chancel east window, were these arms, checque, or and gules, a fess, ermine, the old arms of *Thorp*; checque, or and azure, a fess, ermine, *Calthorp*; azure, three crescents, *argent, Thorp*; *argent*, a chief indented, *gules, Hengrave*.

Between the arch at the upper end of the nave and the south isle, is an altar monument of gray marble, raised above a yard from the ground, on which have been the portraitures of a man and woman, and that of our Saviour on the cross, with the shields of arms, and a rim of brass, running round it, now all reaved and stolen; probably in memory of *John L'Estrange, Esq.* and *Margaret* his wife, before-mentioned; and in a window near to it, were the arms of the said *John, gules*, two lions passant guardant, *argent*, quartering his wife's, which were the same, with a bendlet over all, or.

Against a pillar, a copartment of marble with the arms of *Mordaunt*, impaling *Talmarsh*; *argent*, a frett, *sable*;

*Sir Charles Mordaunt, knight and baronet, dyed at London, July 10, 1648, aged 33, he was married to Catherine, daughter of Sir Lionel Tallemache, of Helmingham in Suffolk, knight and bart. by whom he had Sir Charles, his eldest son, Kath. Tullemache (dying before her father) John, Henry, (departed also) Elizabeth and Amy.*

*Here remains in civill trust  
His beloved bewayled dust,  
Whose goodness is secure from fear  
Of finding any sepulchrer.*

On a marble gravestone at the east end of the nave,

*Hic sublocantur reliquie D'ni. Caroli Mordant de Massingham, militis et baronetti, filij et hæredis Rob'ti Mordant militis, de quo D'no Carolo plura ad murum orientalem legantur, 1643.*

On another, with the arms of *Mordant*,

*Carolus Mordant baronettus, Caroli Mordant, baronetti, et Katharinae Talamach filius, humanitatis et virtutis exemplar, obt. Ao. Dni 1664, die 24 Apr.*

*Anno etat. 25, in æternum doloris et amoris monumentum Elizabetha Thori. consors integerrima marmor hoc posuit.*

On another,

*M. S. — D'na Anna W. Risley de Bedford gen. filia. et hæres D'ni. Johs. Mordaunt de Walton in com. Warw. bur. uxor amans et amata, casta, pia, fidelis, affabilitate, pudicitia, et morum suavitate, peramabilis; variolis malignis occidens, mortis evasias (certa spe renascenti ad gloriam) hoc subter marmor deposuit.*

*Obijt prid. non. Junij anno salutis nostræ 1692, etatis suæ . . . . . bis gravida et semel puerpera, heu nullum reliquit sobolem, quippe alteram in incunabilis, alteram in utero cum matre ademptum lugemus,*

*Penelope quam solam peperit, matrem præcedens, eodem quiescit sepulchro. Et sic in maternis amplexibus dormire videatur. Vita vix inchoata recessit, prid. non. Januar. A°. Christi incarnati 1690.*

Mordaunt bears *argent*, a chevron between three estoils *sable*; the crest, on a wreath, a negro's head couped at the shoulder, proper, wreathed about the temples with ribbons, *or* and *azure*.

# RECTORS.

*Reginald* occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward I.*

*Hugh de Aschewell* in 1325 and 1327.

1333, *Walter Coleman* instituted, presented by *Beatrice*, late wife of *Sir Robert de Thorp*.

1338, *John Lovcure*, by ditto.

*John R----*, rector was buried in 1374.

1374, *William*, son of *Jeff. de Bumstede*, by *Thomas de Bumstede*, citizen of *Norwich*.

1401, *Edmund Atte Hill*, by *John Herr* of *Cambridge*.

1432, *John Totyll*, by *Phil. Tilney*, of *Boston*, Esq.

1433, *Richard Tydde*. Ditto.

1434, *William Pyoyle*. Ditto.

1458, *Henty Abraham*, by *John Bouchier*, on the minority of *Elizabeth*, heir of *Frederic Tynley*, Esq.

*John Scarlet*, rector.

1468, *John Palmer*, by *Humphrey Bouchier* and *Elizabeth*, his wife.

1507, *James Bastard*, by the Earl of *Surry*.

1558, *Thomas Burre*, by *Robert Mordaunt*, Esq.

1561, *Mr. John Nowell*, S. T. B. ditto, on June 1, 1556, was dean of *Bocking* in *Essex*.

1569, *Henry Warren*, S. T. B. by the Queen.

1571, *Roger Brearwood*, by *Robert Mordaunt*, Esq.

1591, *Thomas Hawley*, by the Queen, on account of the launacy of *James Mordaunt*, Esq.

1603, *Andrew Pilkington*, by *Le Strange Mordaunt*, Esq.

1616, *Edward Thorogood*. Ditto.

1620, *Thomas Thorowgood*, by *William Thorowgood*, hac vice.

1643, *Joseph Hacon*, by *Sir Charles Mordaunt*, Bart. buried in 1662.

Mr ——— *Salter*, rector, buried in 1664.

Mr. ——— *Lockwood*, rector, buried here 1673.

1715, *Thomas Grigson*, on the death of *Charles Preston*, by *Sir John Mordaunt*.

1725, *Charles Squire* died rector in 1752.

1752, *Ayrmine Stileman*, A. M. by *Sir Charles Mordaunt*, Bart.

1760, *Charles Mordaunt*, by *Sir Charles Mordaunt*, Bart.

In 1567, the Lady *Anne Hollis*, late relict of *Sir Thomas Hollis* of *Plitcham*, and wife of *Philip Mordaunt*, Esq. was here buried.

*Catherine*, wife of *Philp Mordaunt*, Esq. buried in 1559.

*Barbara*, wife of *Robert Mordant*, Gent. buried in 1581.

*Edward Mordaunt*, Gent. in 1583, and *Robert Mordaunt*, Esq. in 1602.



## MIDDLETON.

So called, as lying on a hill, surrounded with low grounds, marshes and water, *Mid-Le-Ton*. *Hugh de Montfort* obtained it at the conquest, and *Aeled* held it of him, *Bundo*, a *Saxon Thane*, being deprived of it, who had 2 carucates of land, 12 villains, 17 borderers, 4 servi, &c. with 32 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean; there were also 3 carucates among the tenants, a mill, a fishery, and 10 salt-works, then valued in all at 100s. at the survey at 6*l. per ann.* and 2 socmen belonged to it who had 84 acres, and a carucate, who held under him, valued at 5s. and they could sell their land.<sup>1</sup>

### SCALES-HALL.

In the reign of *Henry II.* *Roger de Scales* was lord of this manor, descended from *Hardewin* or *Harlewin de Sculariis*, lord of *Waddon* in *Cambridgeshire*, at the conquest: this *Roger* and *Muriel* his wife, founded the nunnery of *Blackburgh*, and she seems to have brought this lordship with many others, held of *Hugh de Montfort*, into this family, being (as I conceive) a daughter and coheir of *Jeffrey de Lisewis*, as her sister and coheir, *Maud*, did to the *Ingaldesthorps*, as may be seen at large in *Reynham*. *Robert de Scales*, his son, gave to the abbey of *Bury*, in *Suffolk*, by fine levied in the 9th of *Richard I.* the advowson of the church of *Wetherden* in that county; of this family was *William de Scales*, impleaded by *Fulco Baynard* for the wardship of the son and heir of *Roger de Kerdeston*.

*Roger de Scales*, son and heir of *Robert*, gave 59*l.* for scutage in the 13th of King *John*, and in the 3d of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Maud*, wife of *William de Beauchamp*, late wife of *Roger de Scales*, and *Robert*, son of the said *Roger*, of the 3d part of 2 carucates of land in this town, 40s. rent in *Wirdlington*, with 2 marks rent in *Wetherden*, in *Suffolk*, claimed as dower; this *Robert* married *Margery*, 3d daughter and coheir of *Fulk de Beaufoe*, lord of *Hockwold*, and in the 19th of that King, was found to hold half a fee in this town, of the honour of *Hagenet*, or *Haughley* in *Suffolk*, and was summoned to parliament by the title of *Lord Scales*.

*Robert*, his son and heir, paid 21*l. 5s.* relief for the lands that he held in capite, in 34th of the said King, and died about the 51st of *Henry III.* in which year *Sir William de Clifford*, eschaetor on this side of *Trent*, accounted for 31*l. 8s. 4d.* issues of the lands of *Robert*

<sup>1</sup> Terr. Hugh. de Monteforti—  
Mideltuna ten. Aeled qua ten. Bundo.  
T. R. E. ii car. tre. sep. xii villi et  
xvii bor. silv. iiii por. tc. iiii. mo. i et  
xxxii ac. pti. tc. ii car. in dnio. mo. i  
sep. iiii car. heu. et i mol. et i pisc tc. x

sal. mo. viii tc. iiii an. mo. v mo. i r. tc.  
x por. mo. vi tc. xl. ov. mo. xxxv tc.  
val. c sol. mo. vi lib. hic jacent ii sochem  
quos ten. ide. homo. lxxxiiij ac. tc. i  
car. mo. dim. et val. v sol. et pot. vende.  
tra. sua.

*de Scales* in this town and *Reynham* in *Norfolk*, and *Wridlington* in *Suffolk*, for the use of *John de Britannia*; and in the next year *Robert*, son of *Robert de Scales*, by *Alice* his wife, was found to be the King's ward, and held lands valued at 60*l.* per ann. the lady *Alice*, his mother, was daughter of *Sir Ralph de Rochester*, lord of *Newcels* in *Berknay*, *Hertfordshire*, sister and heir to *Sir William* and *Sir Peter de Rochester*: in the aforesaid year the said lady impleaded *John de Caston*, the Earl of *Gloucester's* bailiff, for robbing her at *Newcels*, she living there in the King's peace, and taking neither side (that is in the barons' war with the King) nor did she ever oppose the Earl of *Gloucester*, or his friends.

On Sunday after the feast of the Invention of the Holy cross, in the 54th of said reign, an agreement was made between the lady *Alice*, widow of *Robert de Scales*, and *Roger*, son of *Robert de Scales*, whereby she grants to *Roger*, the lordship of *Newcels*, to be held of *Robert*, son of *Robert de Scales*, and his heirs, paying yearly to her for life 10*l.* witnesses, *Sir James de Audeley*, ——— *de Monteforti*, *Ralph Fitz Ralph de Wyrham*, Kts. *Robert Burnel de Middleton*, &c.; this *Roger* was a younger son of *Alice*, and brother of *Robert*; she was a considerable heiress, and brought into this family, the manor of *Newcels*, and one at *Reevchale (Rivinghale)* in *Essex*.

She was living in the 3d of *Edward I.* and recovered damage, for her swans being taken out of her lordships of *Hockwold* and *Wilton*; in which year her eldest son, *Robert*, was found to have held one knight's fee in this town, and died about this time. This *Robert* seems to have married *Clementia*; and about the 4th of the said King, I find *Sir Robert de Vaur* to have married *Clementia*, relict of *Robert de Scales*, whose marriage belonged to the King.

*Robert de Scales*, son of *Robert*, probably by *Clementia*, in the 9th of *Edward I.* sold to the prior of *Norwich*, a messuage and 140 acres of land in *Gateley*, *Norfolk*; and in the following year was summoned, with other barons, to attend him in an expedition into *Wales*; in his 17th year he recovered with *Isabel* his wife, from *Richard de Weyland* of *Framesden* in *Suffolk*, and *Joan* his wife, lands in this town, *Westwinch*, *Hardwick*, *South* and *West Lenne*, with the homages and services of divers persons.

*Isabel*, his wife, was daughter of *Sir ——— Burnell*, Knt. and niece of *Robert Burnell*, Bishop of *Bath* and *Wells*, lord chancellor and treasurer of *Englund*, who in the 20th of *Edward I.* by his deed dated *March 2*, reciting that, whereas *Rob. de Eschalers* owed him 26*l.* for the goods, &c. he sold him on the manor of *Newcels* at this time he delivered seisin of the said manor, to *Robert*, the Bishop hereby releases to him the aforesaid sum, and to the lady *Isabel* his wife.

In the 22d of that King he had summons to be at *Portsmouth*, on *September 1st* to attend the King into *Gascoign*; and in the 25th of that King it appears that he held 10 knights fees, viz. two and an half in *Berkway* and *Newcels* in *Hertfordshire*, half a fee in *Laufare* in *Essex*, half a fee in *Eneswell* in *Suffolk*, one fee and an half in *Rewenhale* in *Essex*, three fees and an half in *Middleton*, *Islington*, *How*, and *Rainham* in *Norfolk*, and one in *Wetherden* in *Suffolk*, held in capite, and half a fee in *Haselingfeld* in *Cambridgeshire*.

In the following year he was summoned to be at *Carlisle* with horse and arms, in an expedition into *Scotland*; and in the 29th of that

King, he subscribed, with other nobles, the letter to Pope *Boniface*, to assure him that the Kingdom of Scotland was not of his fee, and that he had no jurisdiction in temporal affairs over either *England* or *Scotland*.

In the 33d of *Edward I.* it appears by the escheat rolls that he died seized of this lordship, held by one fee and an half, and paying 45s. to the castle guard of *Dover*, and that there was belonging to it a capital messuage with a water mill, a windmill, 209 acres of land, 69 of meadow, 10 of pasture, 5 of wood, one of turbary, and 4l. per ann. rent.

His lady *Isabel* was a great benefactress to the priory of *Blackburgh*, where she was buried, and gave a silver chesible, with several vestments for the priests, with her arms thereon, and ornaments, &c. to lay over her sepulchre on the day of her anniversary.

I am sensible that this account of the family differs much from that of *Sir William Dugdale* in his *Baronage*, but as it is collected from ancient evidences mostly, I am persuaded it may be acceptable.

*Robert Lord Scales*, son of *Robert* and *Isabel* his wife, was in the 34th of *Edward I.* created Knight of the Bath, with Prince *Edward*, and in the 1st of *Edward II.* summoned to attend his coronation, to be solemnized after the feast of *St. Valentine*, by writ dated at *Dover*, *January 8.* The Lady *Isabel* his mother, in the 9th of that King, settled on her son *Robert* and *Egelina* his wife, on their marriage, the manors of *Scales-How*, and *Islington*; she was daughter of *Sir Hugh Courtney*, and sister of *Hugh Courtney* Earl of *Devonshire*. This Lord *Robert* died in the 18th of *Edward II.* leaving a son *Robert*; and on *July 2*, in the said year, *Egelina* his mother, paying 400 marks, had a grant of the custody of him, being then a minor; *Isabel* his grandmother was living at that time, and held part of the lordship of *Haselingsfeld* in *Cambridgeshire*, in jointure.

In the 7th of *Edward III.* he had livery of his lands, and in the 9th of that King, *William de Lilleford*, rector of *Revenhale* in *Essex*, delivered seisin to him and *Catherine* his wife, daughter of *Robert*, sister and coheir of *William de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, by deed dated on the feast of *St. John Port Latin*; he had the King's writ in his 16th year to provide 10 men at arms and 10 archers, to be sent into *Britany* for the honour of his King and Country; and if he would go himself with them, the King would be mightily pleased; and in the 31st of the said King he was summoned to come immediately at the siege of *Calais*, not staying for the embarkment of his horses, with all the power he could raise, the King fearing that the *French King* would come with all his power to raise the siege.

In the 30th of that reign he had letters of protection, being to accompany the Prince of *Wales* into *Gascoign*, and gave to the priory of *Blackburgh*, the church of *Islington*: on *Monday* before the assumption of our Lady, in the 43d of *Edward III.* he died, leaving *Roger* his son and heir aged 22; who in the 4th of *Richard II.* was seized by the *Norfolk* rebels, and in his 8th year was summoned, *June 13*, to meet the King at *Newcastle on Tyne*, with his whole service of horse and arms, as by allegiance bound, to attend him into *Scotland*; and in the ensuing year was with *John Duke of Lancaster*, in the *Spanish* expedition, and styled himself lord of *Newcells*.

His will is dated at *Hykeling* in *Norfolk*, *March 6*, 1395, and he

bequeaths his body to be buried in the priory of *Blackburgh*, and died on *Christmas-day*, in the 10th of *Richard II.* and was found to hold this manor of the honour of *Hagenet*, leaving *Robert* his son and heir, aged 14, by *Joan* his wife, daughter and heir of *Sir Robert Norwood*, of *Norwood* in *Kent*, and of *Norwood Bermingham* in *Norfolk*, who after married *Sir Edmund Thorp*, of *Ashawell-Thorp*, in *Norfolk*, and dying in 1415, was buried there. She gave her manors of *Stonhall*, *Aspal*, in *Suffolk*, which came by her mother *Catherine*, daughter and coheir of *Sir John de Aspal*, and the manor of *Willesford*, in *Cambridgeshire*, to her son *Robert Lord Scales*, remainder to the Lady *Catherine Savage*, her daughter, wife of *Sir Arnold Savage*, of *Kent*, and died his widow, s. p. in the 16th of *Henry VI.* remainder to her daughters, *Joan* and *Isabel*, by *Sir Edmund*; the said Lady *Joan* had also the lordship of *Cowling* in right of her mother *Catherine*.

This *Robert Lord Scales*, was one of the lords in parliament, who in the first year of *Henry IV.* voted for the safe custody of the late *Richard II.* and took to wife, *Joan*, daughter of *William*, and sister of *Thomas Lord Bardolph*; his 2d wife was *Elizabeth*, ----- who survived him, and remarried to *Sir Henry de Percy*, of *Athol*, *Knt.*; his will bears date *May 12, A. 2* of *Henry IV.* and dying on the eve of the conception of our Lady, was proved the 31st of *October* following in the 4th of that King.\* He appointed *Elizabeth*, his wife, executrix, bequeaths his body to be buried in the priory of *Blackburgh*, to the prioress 13s. 4d. and to every nun therein 6s. 8d.

*Robert*, his son and heir, was aged 6 years at his death, some say by the Lady *Joan*, and some by *Elizabeth*: *Ralph Earl of Westmoreland* had the wardship of him; he died unmarried on *July 1*, in the 7th of *Henry V.* I take this to be that *Lord Scales* who is said by *Holingshed*, &c. to be killed with the *Lord Darcy*, and *Sir Edmund de Thorp*, at the siege of *Lover's* castle in *Normandy*, on the march of *King Henry V.* from *Caen* towards the city of *Roan*.

*Thomas Lord Scales* was aged 21, on the death of his brother *Robert*; and on the 1st of *May*, in the 9th of *Henry V.* was retained by indenture to serve that King in the wars of *France*, and to be at *Dover* on the 29d of that month, with 20 men at arms, 60 archers on horseback, to be paid a quarter's wages down, and after from month to month in *English* gold, or money currant in *France*, by the treasurer of war there; to have all prisoners, except kings, princes, kings' sons, and especially *Charles*, called Dauphin of *Vienne*, and other great captains of royal blood and chieftains and lieutenants under him, the said *Charles*; and except all those who had a hand in the murder of the *Duke of Burgoyne*.

In these wars he behaved gallantly, and was seneschall of *Normandy*, as appears from his seal in the 20th of *Henry VI.* with six escallops; his crest a plume of *Ostrich's* feathers, issuing out of a ducal coronet, circumscribed, *S. Thomæ Dnj. Scatis et de Neucellis senescalli Normaniæ*; without any supporters.

In the 3d of *Henry VI.* being then in *France* with the *Duke of Bedford*, the regent, he was elected Knight of the Garter at *St. George's* feast at *Windsor*. About 4 years after he was taken prisoner

\* Reg. March, in Cur. prerog. Cantuar.

in *France*, and redeemed; he married *Emme*, daughter of Sir *Simon Whalesburgh*, probably of *Whalesburgh* in *Cornwall*, and in the 30th of the aforesaid King, with his wife, settled the manor of *Wyttlesford* in *Cambridgeshire*, on *Robert* and *Hugh Tilney*, and their heirs male, and was in high favour with King *Henry VI.* and his Queen. On the arrival of the Earls of *March*, *Warwick*, and *Salisbury*, from *Calais*, and their entry into *London* on *July 2*, in the 38th of the said King, he took possession of, and secured the *Tower of London*, with other lords, for the King; but after the battle of *Northampton*, on the 9th of that month, wherein the King was taken, many in the *Tower* surrendering themselves, this lord endeavouring to make his escape, entered a wherry or boat, late in the evening, with 3 others, and rowing towards *Westminster*,<sup>3</sup> to take sanctuary, was descried by a woman, and the wherry men falling upon him, killed him, and cast him on land, (as *Stowe* says<sup>4</sup>) besides *St. Mary Overies*.

*Hall* relates that on King *Henry's* entering into *London* after the aforesaid battle, with the Earl of *March*, &c. on *July 16*, the *Tower of London* was delivered to the said Earl by composition, but the Lord *Scales* suspecting the sequel of the delivery, entered a wherry, privily intending to have fled to the Queen, but was espied by diverse watermen belonging to the Earl of *Warwick*, who waited for his forthcoming on the *Thams*, suddenly taken, and shortly slain with many darts and daggers, and his body left all bloody and naked at the gate of the *Clynke*, which after was buried in the church adjoining, (that is, as I take it, in *St. Mary Overey's*) in *Surry*: he is said to have had a son, *Thomas*, who died before him, so that he left a daughter and sole heir, *Elizabeth*, then married, as is said, to Sir *Henry Bouchier*, Knt. 2d son of *Henry Bouchier* Earl of *Essex*, aged 24.

I have seen some writings that say he was killed on *July* the 24th in the evening, being the vigil of *St. James*.

He left a son, *Thomas* Lord *Scales*, who died, as I take it, a minor, as appears from the will of *Anthony* Earl *Rivers*, who married his sister and heir.

On the 27th of *May*, in the 2d of King *Edward IV.* I find the said *Elizabeth*, to be the wife of *Anthony Wodeville*, son and heir of *Richard Wodeville* Earl *Rivers*, lord treasurer to that King, and father of *Elizabeth* his Queen; and in *February* following was summoned to parliament by the title of Lord *Scales*.

In the said year, he and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed by fine to *Simon Baxter*, &c. in trust, this manor, that of *Scales How*, of *Barton Bendish*, *Reynham*, *Hillington*, *Wilton*, *Walton*, *Islington*, *Hickling*, &c. with the advowsons of *Hillington*, *Islington*, and *Rydon*, in *Norfolk*; *Rewenhale*, and *Shaldeford* manors in *Essex*; *Wyrlington* and *Aspale* in *Suffolk*, with *Newels* and *Berkwey* manors in *Hertfordshire*, all which were of her inheritance; and it appears that the said *Anthony*, then a knight, with his wife *Elizabeth*, presented to the church of *Rewenhale* aforesaid.

*John Wodde*, S. T. B. in 1461, who was instituted *August 9*, in the 5th of the said King, we find to be a Knight of the Garter; and in

<sup>3</sup> Fuller's Worthies, fol. 340.

<sup>4</sup> Stow's Annals, and Hall's Chron.

his 6th year, he encountered with great honour and gallantry, both on horseback and on foot, the Bastard of Burgoyne, (as may be seen in our historians<sup>5</sup>) in *West Smithfield, London*.

In the 13th of the said King, the Lady *Elizabeth*, his wife, died without issue: *September 2*, in his 15th year, he styled himself Earl *Rivers*, Lord of *Scales* and *Neucels*, and sealed with a large broad seal, with 6 coats, quarterly; first, *argent*, a fess canton, *gules*, *Wodeville*; 2d, *gules*, six escallops, *argent*, Lord *Scales*; 3d, a lion rampant, - - - 4th, a sun in its glory; quere, if not *Saint Clere*? 5th is obscure, and seems to be per pale, indented; 6th, *vairy*, - - - - , with an escutcheon of pretence, a griffin, segreant, probably in allusion to the family of *De Ripariis*, or *Rivers*, Earl of *Devonshire*; the crest an old man with a prolix beard, in his right hand a broad sword, held over his shoulder, with an open-sleeve gown, tasselled; supporters, a triton, half man in armour, and half fish, holding a broad sword erect, and a wolf gorged and chained, the helmet on his crest, as a baron; on the left side his name, signed by him as here, *Rivieres*.

His 2d wife was *Mary*, sole daughter and heir of Sir *Henry Fitz-Lewes* of *Thorndon* in *Essex*, whom he survived, and was to have married a third, *Margaret*, sister to *James III.* King of *Scotland*.

In the 22d of *Edward IV.* John Bishop of *Rochester*, and Sir *Edward Wodeville* his brother, were sent ambassadors to *Scotland* to concluded it, but it was broke off by that King's death, on *April 9*, 1483, he being seized and arrested by the Duke of *Gloucester* at *Northampton*, about the end of the said month, coming to *London* with the young King *Edward V.* of whom he had the governance, and forthwith committed to the castle of *Sheriff-Hutton*, in *Yorkshire*, where he made his last will, on *June 23d* following, the day before the cruel murder of the young King and his brother, in the *Tower of London*, as *Dugdale* relates, which was to this purpose, as follows;

"I, *Anthony Wodeville*, in the castle of *Sheriff Hutton*, bequeath all my lands that were my father's, to my brother Sir *Edward Wodeville*, and his heirs male, my heart to be buried (if I die south of *Trent*) before our lady of *Pewe*, beside *St. Stephen's* college at *Westminster*, also the lands that were my first wife's the Lady *Scales*, and *Thomas Lord Scales's*, her brother, to my brother Sir *Edward*, and his heirs male; but he to whom it should come, before he took possession thereof, to deduct 500 marks to be employed for the souls of the said lady and her brother, and the souls of all the *Scales's* blood, &c. and to find a priest for one year to pray for them, his own soul, and all *Christian* souls, at our lady of *Pewe*; and another priest to sing at the chapel of the *Rodes*, in *Greenwich*, for his own soul, and all christian souls."

He wills the manor of *Tirington hall*, in this town, the hundred of *Frebridge*, the manor of *Wolverton* and advowson, in *Norfolk*, with the manor of *Rokeys* in *Berkey*, in *Hertfordshire*, to be sold, to make an hospital at *Rochester*, for 13 poor folk.

Directs his apparel for his body to be sold, with his horse-harness, &c. and with the money thereof, shirts and snocks to be bought for poor folks.

Appoints the Lady *Willoughby*, late wife of Sir *Jervace Clifton*,

<sup>5</sup> Hall, fol. 177.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Mills in Cur. Prerog. fol. 40.

\* Quere, if not *Felbrigg*?

& 41.

*William Tunstall, Robert Poynts, Richard Hawte, William Catesby, Andrew Dimock*, overseers of his will; but it does not appear that it was proved.

Soon after the date of this will, he was carried to *Pomfret castle* in *Yorkshire*, and was there brought on a scaffold by *Sir Richard Rutchiff*, (one of the Duke of *Gloucester's* chief confidants,) and not suffered to speak any thing in vindication of himself, *Sir Richard* telling the people he was a traitor.

I find this *Sir Edward* his brother, in his last will, dated *February 20, 1490*, and proved *March 23d* in the said year, to style himself *Earl Rivers*, and gives his body to be buried in the abbey of *St. James* at *Northampton*.

He left no children by his 2 wives, but by a beloved mistress, called *Gwentlian*, only daughter of *Sir William Stradling*, 3d son of *Sir William Stradling* of *Glamorganshire*, in *Wales*, and *Isabel*, his wife, he had a daughter *Margaret*, who married *Sir Robert Poynts*, of *Acton-Iron* in *Gloucestershire*.

*Hall* says he was beheaded at *Pomfret*, with the Lord *Richard Grey*, (the Queen's son, by her first husband,) *Sir Thomas Vaughan*, and *Sir Richard Haute*, (the same day the Lord *Hastings* was beheaded in the Tower) and their bodies were buried naked in the monastery there.

*Dugdale* says, that in the 2d of *Richard III.* *John Duke of Norfolk* had a grant of this lordship, and soon after (on the death of *Richard*) was forfeited,\* this grant was dated *February 1, ao. 2 Richard III.*

On the accession of *King Henry VII.* *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Sir John Howard*, wife of *John de Vere Earl of Oxford*, was found one of the heirs of *Elizabeth*, late *Lady Scales*, abovementioned, as great grand-daughter of *Margaret Scales*, daughter of *Robert Lord Scales*, wife of *Sir Robert Howard*, and sister of *Roger Lord Scales*. The other heir was *Sir William Tyndal*, knighted on the creation of *Arthur Prince of Wales*, descended from *Elizabeth Scales*, sister of the aforesaid *Margaret*, which *Elizabeth* married *Sir Roger Felbrigg*, and had *Sir Simon Felbrigg*, whose daughter and heir, *Alana*, married *Sir William Tyndal*, grandfather to *Sir William* abovementioned.

On a division of the *Scales's* estate, this township was assigned to the family of the *Earls of Oxford*; and *John de Vere Earl of Oxford*, son of the abovementioned *Elizabeth*, was lord of this manor, and dying without issue, it descended to his nephew, *John de Vere Earl of Oxford*, son of his brother, *Sir George de Vere*; and on the death of the said *John*, his estate was divided amongst his three sisters and coheirs.

*Dorothy*, who married *John Nevill Lord Latimer*, and *Elizabeth*, who married *Sir Anthony Wingfeld* of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, Knt. of the Garter, vice-chamberlain, &c. to *King Henry VIII.* had each a moiety of this lordship.

*John Lord Latimer*, son of *John Lord Latimer*, by *Dorothy*, had livery of his part or moiety, in the beginning of Queen *Elizabeth*, who dying in 1577, his estate was divided amongst his 4 daughters and coheirs; and his right in this town came to *Sir Thomas Cecil*, afterwards *Earl of Exeter*, by the marriage of *Dorothy*, one of the said 4 daughters and coheirs, who purchased also the *Wingfeld* part or moiety,

\* By this grant he had 15 lordships, late the *Scales's*.

and sold the whole to Sir *Thomas Holland*, by a license for so doing, (it being held in *capite*.) on *January 1, 19 James I.*

In 1635, Sir *John Heveningham* is said to be lord.

In 1649, Sir *William Paston*, Bart. was lord, and paid castleward to *Dover castle*, for the manor of *Middleton*.

*Richard Berney*, Esq. died lord in 1699, and this manor was ordered by a decree in Chancery, to be sold (1709) to pay his debts, being mortgaged by him to Mrs. *Martell*.

*Isaac le Heup*, Esq. was lord, and on his death it came to his two daughters and coheirs, by his wife, —, daughter and coheir of *Peter Lombard*, Esq. Queen *Ann's* tailor.

*Mary*, one of them, married Sir *Edward Williams*, Bart. of *Wales*; the other, *Elizabeth*, to *Lloyd*, Esq. of *Epping* in *Essex*.

Sir *Edward* was lord of this manor in his right, and sold it to Vice-Admiral *Savage Mostyn*, Esq. and dying in 1757, left it to Sir *Roger Mostyn*, Bart. his nephew, who now enjoys it.

At the survey, *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a lordship, which *Ralph* the Earl of *Norfolk* had, and *Ribald* possessed it under *Alan*: it consisted of two carucates of land, 3 villans, one acre of meadow, and 3 borderers, with 2 carucates, 18 acres of meadow, and a fishery valued at 20s.<sup>9</sup>

In the reign of *Henry III.* *John de Longeville* and his tenants, held here and in *Hardwick*, half a fee of the honour of *Richmond*; and in the 8th of *Edward I.* *Hugh Verly* died seized of land held of the said honour.

In the 30th of the said King, a fine was levied between *John de Longvile* and *Margaret* his wife, querents, and *Nicholas de Wortley*, deforcients, of this fee, and of the manor of *Overton Longvile*, in *Huntingdonshire*, the moiety of the manor of *Coln* in *Bedfordshire*, &c. granted to *John*, probably on his marriage settlement: but in the 20th of *Edward III.* *Margery de Saltmarch* held this half fee; and in the 35th of *Henry VI.* *George* Lord *Latimer* held it of *Edmund* Earl of *Richmond*, which is the last account I find of it.

### BURY-ABBEY MANOR.

This abbot had also a small lordship. *Richard* held at the survey, of the abbot, a carucate which the abbey was possessed of in the Confessor's time, to which there belonged 3 villans, 2 borderers, and one *servus*, a carucate in demean, 20 acres of meadow, 2 salt-pits, &c. and a socman with 5 acres, valued at 20s.<sup>1</sup>

It appears that *John de Hastings* held lands here in *Edward* the First's time, belonging to the manor of *Gissing*, in *Norfolk*, for which he paid castle-guard to *Bury* abbey.<sup>2</sup>

In an extent of the lands of the said manor, made in the 2d of *Edward III.* *John Wood* of *Middleton* was found to hold these lands, by

<sup>9</sup> Terr. Alani Comitiss.—In Middeltuna tenet Ribald. ii car. t're. tenuit Radulf. semp. iii vill. et i pr. ac. et iii bord. semp. ii car. et xviii ac. p'ti. tnc. i pisc. et val. xx sol.

<sup>1</sup> Terra Abbatis de Sco. Eadmundo

—In Middeltuna tenet Ricuard. de Abbe i car. t're qua. tenuit S.B.T.R.E. iii vill. et ii bor. i ser. i car. in d'nio xx ac. p'ti. ii sal. iii vac. xxiii ov. iii porc. i soc. de vac. val. xx sol.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Pinchbeck, Abb. Bur.



the service of half a fee, of the said manor, and 23d. *per ann.* castle guard; and in the evidences of Sir *Rob. Kemp*, of the manor of *Gissing*, by an indenture, dated in the 2d of *Richard II.* between *Thomas Gardiner* of *Gissing*, and *John de Middleton*, it appears that *John* bought these lands of *John*, son of *William At the Wood*, of *Middleton*, to be held of *Gissing* manor, by the 3d part of a fee, and 23d. *ob. rent*: and *John Middleton* held it in the 19th of the said King. In the 18th of *Edward II.* the heir of *Hugh de Hastings*, held of *John de Hastings* Lord *Abergavenny*, the same lands; and in the 25d of *Edward III.* *Roger le Strange* held the 3d part of the manor and advowson of *Middleton*, with the reversion of 2 parts, after the death of *Maud*, widow of *Roger* his father; and before this, in the 20th of the said King *John Attewood* was found to hold the 3d part of a fee here, of *Ralph de Hastings*, of the fee of *St. Edmund*, which *John*, son of *Walter Attewalter*, formerly held.

In the 40th of the said King, there was a precept to distrain *Robert*, vicar of the church of *Middleton*, for his homage for a tenement, and land purchased of the manor of *Woodhouse* in *Middleton*; and in the 15th of *Richard II.* Sir *John le Strange*, son of *Roger*, and *Alice* his wife, were found to hold the manor and advowson by knight's service.

#### CASTLE-HALL MANOR.

Besides the manors abovementioned, *William de Scohies* had two lordships here, bestowed on him by the Conqueror; one of which was held as a manor by *Turchill*, in the Confessor's time, consisting of 2 carucates of land, with 4 villains, 6 borderers, and 4 servi, 30 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, one amongst the tenants in the Confessor's time, afterwards half a one, a mill, a fishery, 8 salt-pits, valued at 5*l.* before the conquest, but after at 7*l.* *per ann.*<sup>3</sup>

*Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks* appears to be lord of a part of this town soon after the Conquest, and gave the tithes of 2 parts of his demesnes, to the priory of *Norwich*, and *Notley* abbey, which was confirmed by *William Turbus* Bishop of *Norwich*, and came to the family of the Earls of *Clare*, (as it is said,) by his daughter and heir.

It is certain it came to the Earls of *Clare*, and continued not long with *Scohies*, and constitute the manor called *Castlehall*, in *Middleton*, which was held of the said Earls.

*Thomas de Wrampingham* was found, together with *Maud de Rokelund*, and *Henry Carbonel*, to hold here and in *Runton*, &c. one fee of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, in the reign of *Henry III.* and *Thomas de Warblington* held the same.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *John Warblington*, son of *Thomas Warblington*, and *Margaret* his wife, died seized of *Castle-Hall*, and *Thomas* was his son and heir. *Oliver de Boun* and *Margaret* his wife, *John de Briston*, &c. held this fee in the 20th of *Edward III.*

After this it was in the family of *Scales*, and *Roger* Lord *Scales* died seized of it in the 10th of *Richard II.*

<sup>3</sup> Terr. Willi. de Scohies ——— car. in d'nio. tc. i car. hom. mo. dim. i  
Mideltuna tenuit Turchill. p. man. et mol. i pisc. viii sal. sep. i runc. tc. ii  
p. ii car. t're mo. w. in d'nio. sep. iiii vac. tc. xvi por. mo. x tc. lxxx ov. mo.  
vill. et vi bor. et iiii ser. xxx ac. p'ti. ii lxx tc. val. sol. mo. vii lib.

*Ralph Earl of Westmoreland*, let to *Laurence Trussebut*, Esq. *William Lampet* and *John Ilketsale*, the manors of *Scales Hall*, and *Castle Hall*, the manors of *Reynham*, *Scales How*, *Islington*, a water-mill called *Erles mill*, by *Lynn*, the 3d part of the manor of *Haslynfeld*, with all the appertenance late *Joan*, Lady *Scales's*, then in the hands of the said *Ralph*, on account of the minority of *Robert*, son of *Rob. Lord Scales*, from the time of the death of the said *Joan*, till *Rob. son of Rob.* came of age, paying yearly to the said Earl, in the church of *St. Paul's*, *London*, the sum of 100*l.* per ann. on the feasts of *Easter*, *St. John Baptist*, *St. Michael*, and the nativity of our Lord, by deed, dated *May 10*, in the 3d year of *Henry V.*

The other lordship of *Scohis*, consisted of 6 freemen, who held one carucate of land, valued at 24*s.* 8*d.* *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury* had the soc of two of these, and it was delivered to *Rafrid* for one carucate of land.\*

It is probably this also was included and joined to the other lordship, and so both made up the lordship of *Castle Hall*.

## TYRRINGTON-HALL.

When an aid was granted on the marriage of King *Henry the Third's* sister to the Emperor, 1233. *Thomas*, son of *Godard*, held the 3d part of a fee in *Middleton*, of the Lord *Bardolf's* manor of *North Runhton*, (as I take it,) extending into this town, and in the 38th of that King, *William Lord Bardolf* had a charter for free-warren here, &c. in the reign of *Edward III.* Sir *John Howard* was found to have the reversion of this manor, late *William Tirrington's*, held in soccage of the honour of *Wrongey*.

In the 14th of *Henry IV.* *John Prentice* was found to die seized of part of it; after this it was possessed by *William Godered*, Esq. made serjeant at law in 1425, one of the judges of the King's Bench in 1434, (from whom descended *Guibon Goddard*, Esq. serjeant at law in 1669, a worthy antiquary,) and this judge, a little before his death, sold this manor to *Thomas Lord Scales*, and so was united to *Middleton-hall*.

*Catherine*, his widow, by her will, proved *August 8*, 1464,<sup>1</sup> bequeaths her body to be buried in the south isle of the church of *Midyllone*, gives legacies to *Thomas Shuldham*, her brother, and his wife *Margaret*, and to *John Shuldham* and *Isabel* his wife, to *Thomas Shuldham*, junior, 5*l.* to *Hugh Shuldham* 20*l.* and to *Edward Shuldham*, 13*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* to *Thomas*, son of *Thomas Fincham*, 20*s.* mentions her three husbands, viz. *William Bawde*, *Ralph Medylton*, and *William Goodered*; this *Catherine* was a daughter of - - - - - *Shouldham* of *Marham*, in *Norfolk*, where are to be seen her arms, that of *Baud*, &c. in the church.

*William de Albiney* Earl of *Sussex* had also half a fee in this town, and enfeofed in the reign of *Henry II.* *Hoel de Middleton* therein, this afterwards came to the *Scales's*, and *Robert de Scales* and his tenants were found to hold it of *Robert Lord Montalt*, of his castle of *Rising*, in the time of *Henry III.* and of *Edward I.* with his wife *Isabel*,

\* Terr. Willi. de Scohis.—In Middeltuna tenet W. in d. vi. lib. hoes de i car. tre. sep. i car. silv. c poxc. val. xxiii. sol. et viiid. de ii h. habuit Sti-

gand. socam. et fuit lib'ata Rafrido p. car. tre.

<sup>1</sup> Rég. Brosyard, Norw. fol. 328.

of the feofment of *Richard Weyland* and *Joan* his wife, by the fourth part of a fee.<sup>6</sup>

*John de Somery*, who married a sister and coheir of the last Earl of *Arundel*, gave this lordship to *John L'Estrange* and *Alianore* his wife, daughter of *John Lord Somery*, and it was in the family of *L'Estrange* in the reign of *Edward II.* and *III.*

In this town the *Lords Scales* had their seat, part of which is still remaining, the gate-house, or tower. It seems to have been the entrance into a court, or quadrangle, which was moated in; this tower is built of brick, about 18 yards in height, and with turrets, &c. about 17 yards long, and 9 in breadth; over the arch is the shield of *Scales*, and was probably built by *Thomas Lord Scales*, in the reign of *Henry VI.* and the inside of it is much decayed; the area, or court within, is about 84 paces long, and 46 broad.

In this town is also an high mount, grown over with bushes, which seems to have been some place of strength and moment in ancient days.

The tenths of this town were 7*l.* and deducted 2*l.* 10*s.*

The CHURCH of *Middleton* is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and is a regular pile, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel; the nave, north and south isles are covered with lead, and the chancel with reed, and has a square tower with one bell.

In the windows of the north isle these arms are on painted glass,—*gules*, six escallops, *argent*, *Lord Scales*;—quarterly, *gules* and *or*, in the 1st quarter a mullet, *argent*, *Vere Earl of Oxford*; and bendy of six pieces, *argent* and *gules*, a bordure *sable*, bezanty, *or*; *argent*, three bendlets *gules*, &c. *Bodringham*, as I take it.

In a window here was,—*Orate p. aiab*; *Blome et Enme uxor. ej. et benefactor. suor. vivor. et mortuor.*

In the south isle windows, *gules*, three chevrons, *argent*,—*Baud of Essex*, one of the husbands of *Catherine Goderede* above mentioned, to be buried in this isle.—*azure*, three mascles, *argent*, ——— impaling *azure*, an eagle displayed, *or*, beaked and membered, *gules*, *Shouldham*, and *azure*, three cinquefoils, *argent*, *Fitton*, impaling *Shouldham*.

On the pavement at the east end of this isle lies a marble gravestone, with the arms of *Pierson*, p. fess embattled, *gules* and *azure*, three suns, 2 and 1, *or*, (*In memory of Tho. Pierson, Esq; &c. who died 17—*.) impaling a chevron, *ermin*, between three cinquefoils, or roses.

Within the rails of the communion table, on the pavement, lies a marble gravestone,

*In memory of Robert Barker, M. D. who died April 3, 1717, aged 53, with this shield, barry of eight, or and sable, over all a bend, gules; adjoining one,*

*In memory of Thomas Barker of Wickham Market, in Suffolk, Gent. who died May 19, 1708, aged 36.*

A gravestone,

*In memory of James Everard, A. M. vicar of this parish, who died May 29, 1722, aged 50.*

The great east window of the chancel is ornamented with escallops: *Weaver* has the portraiture of *Sir Robert Howard*, who married *Mar-*

*garet*, daughter of Lord *Scales*, in a window of this church, but now demolished; probably the builder of this church was a Lord *Scales*.

In this church was the guild of St. *Thomas*.

The church was a rectory valued at 8 marks, but appropriated to the priory of *Blackburg*, by *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of King *Richard I.* on the calends of *May*, 1191, and is dedicated to the *Virgin Mary*.

The vicarage was valued then at 4 marks.—*Peter-pence* 12*d.* the prior of *Norwich* had a pension valued at 20*d.* per ann. and the abbot of *Nutley* one, valued at two marks and an half per ann. these two portions consisted of 2 parts of the tithes of the demesns of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, granted by him, and confirmed by *William* Bishop of *Norwich*. *Regist. 4 Eccles. Cath. Norwic. fol. 50.*

## VICARS.

*Simon* occurs vicar, *A<sup>o</sup>. 52* of *Henry III.*

1312, *Rowland de Rysing*, presented by the convent of *Blackburgh*.

1339, *John Lese*. Ditto.

1361, *Robert Benet*.

1406, *John Phelip*.

1417, *John Copeman*.

*William Ibbe*.

1442, *John Smith*.

1449, *William Andrew*.

1450, *John Kyllom*.

*John Randolph*.

1459, *John Wellys*, L.L.B.

1470, *Robert Robardson*.

*John Smith*.

1481, *William Feltham*.

*Robert Bennet* occurs in 1490.

*Sim. Cook*.

*Thomas Sillet*.

*Robert Key* occurs in 1609.

1610, *Michael Calvert*, by the King.

*William Husecroft* in 1610, presented by the King; he gave a silver gilt flagon in 1635.

1657, *Abraham Whelock*, died vicar.

*Samuel Foster* on *Whelock's* death.

*James Eoerard*.

1672, *Henry Fish*, on *Eoerard's* death, by *John Horn*, clerk.

1737, *Cuthbert Sewell*, by *Isaac Leheup*, Esq.

1758, *John Downing*, by Mrs. *Elizabeth Lloyd*.

The present valor of the vicarage is 7*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged of tenths, &c.

On the dissolution of *Blackburgh* priory, the appropriated rectory, with the patronage of the vicarage, came to the Crown, and were granted July 28, in the 9th of *James I.* to *Franc. Morris*, and *Franc. Phelps*, and conveyed by them on December 18, following, to Sir *Henry Spelman*; who, on his founding a *Saxon* lecture in *Cambridge*, conferred that office on Mr. *Abraham Whelock*, a person well skilled

in that tongue, and for endowment settled on him and his successors, a sufficient yearly stipend, with presentation to the benefice of this church of *Middleton*.

On the death of *Whelock* in 1657, the disposal of the lecture fell to *Roger Spelman*, Esq. son of Sir *John*, son of the founder, who designed to bestow it on Mr. *Samuel Foster*, a learned and worthy divine, but Archbishop *Usher* recommended Mr. *Somner*, to the patron, desiring that he would confer on him the pecuniary stipend, to enable him to prosecute a *Saxon Dictionary*, which would more improve that tongue, than a bare academick lecture. The patron complying with this advice, presented *Somner* to the annual salary of that lecture. But *Somner*, out of tenderness, would not accept it, without the free consent of Mr. *Foster*, who complied, and being content with this vicarage, left the annual salary to *Somner*.

*Elizabeth Willton* gave 40s. towards a silver gilt cup to the church. — *Mary Griston* 10s. towards a cover. — A silver plate given by Dr. *Robert Barker* in 1704, and a silver gilt one by him in 1717.

### BLACKBURGH PRIORY.

Sir *Roger de Scales* and *Muriel* his wife, who lived in the time of King *Stephen*, and *Henry II.* were the founders of it, dedicated to St. *Mary* and St. *Catherine*, in a low, fenny ground, called *Shiplade*, or *Blackburgh*. Religious of both sexes lived here, under the government of *Hayms Wauter* and *Maud* his mother, but *Robert*, son of *Roger de Scales* aforesaid, before the year 1200, settled it on nuns of the order of St. *Bennet*.

The founder endowed it with a marsh, arable lands, and a heath 80 perches broad and long from the bounds of *Wirmegay* to the plough land of *Middleton*, 20 acres in *Blackburgh*, and the plough land of *Helegh*, 11 perches breadth in the wood, 28 acres lying east of *Helegh*, and 13 west of *Helegh*, and foldsocken in all the fields of *Middleton*; the homage of *Ednoth*, wife, and children, and *Sandyaknoll*, 4 acres and  $\frac{1}{4}$  of meadow in *Haleth*, and the land which belonged to him in *Sengeberge* and *Heleth*, next *Lizcroft*, one acre, 2 acres of meadow in *Clanell*, 12d. yearly rent of his brother *William*, all that belonged to him in *Lodstoches* and *Lanscy*, 7 perches broad in the whole length, 12d. per ann. rent of his own gift, out of the mill of *Wirdlington*, and the church of *Islington*; witnesses, Sir *John Bardolf*, lord of *Wrungey*, Sir *John Tilney*, Sir *William de Dunton*, Sir *Robert de Causton*, *William Durant*, &c.

Sir *Robert de Scales* gave the church *Rainham St. Martin*, appropriated to it by *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1257.

*William*, son of *Geffrey*, of *Bycham Parva*, and *Richard* his brother, and *Martin*, son of *Roger*, of the said town, and *William* his brother, gave to this priory the advowson of the church of *Bycham Parva*, with the appertenances:—witnesses, Mr. *Robert de Bilney*, official of *Norwich*, Sir *Ralph de Gatley*, Sir *Eudo Arsick*, Sir *Frere de Caprevill*, Sir *William Lovell* of *Barton*, *Thomas de Gatley*, Sir *Geffrey de Brisley*, *Adam*, parson of *Gatley*, *Richard St. Germain*.

*Emma de Bellofago*, or *Beaufoe*, gave 400 eels yearly out of her fishery at *Wilton*, for the soul of *Isabella Freville*, and her own soul,

at the beginning of *Lent*, 9 sticks in the pool called *Lodwere*, and 7 sticks in her part of *Anwere*: this *Emma* was one of the daughters and coheirs of *Fulk de Beaufor*, lord of *Wilton* in King *John's* time; *Margery*, her sister, was married to *Robert de Scales*.

The prioress was found to hold lands in *Wattlington*, *Foston*, *Seche*, *Hardwick* and *Wattlington*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, in the 3d of *Edward III*.

*Robert de Scales* gave a rent in *Middleton* to find a light before the altar of *St. Mary Magdalen* in the priory church.

----- *Le Syre* granted a rent in *East Winch*, to find a lamp burning in the church of *St. Catherine of Blackburgh*, before the image of *St. John the Evangelist*; here was also the altar of *St. John Baptist*. *Robert Lord Scales*, gave the church of *Islington*, appropriated about the 20th of *Edward III*.

King *Henry III*. in his 28th year, granted a fair to be held here on the vigil, day, and day after the feast of *St. Catherine*. I find it held *November 24*, in the 4th year of King *Edward IV*. and in the reign of Queen *Mary*, when the profits were valued at 20d.

### PRIORESSES.

*Avelina*, sans date.

*Margaret* occurs prioress in the 6th and 12th of *Henry III*. as appears by a fine then levied.

*Catherine de Scales* occurs in 1238.

*Mary de London* occurs in 1259, and 1265.

*April 27, 1304*, *Ida de Middleton*, admitted prioress.

*July 24, 1310*, *Catherine de Fitton*.

*Lettice* occurs prioress in 1332.

*November 17, 1342*, *Winnesia de Boyton*, on the death of *Lettice*.

*September 10, 1349*, *Isabella de Stanton*.

*April 20, 1352*, *Isabella de Hynton*.

*October 17, 1384*, *Matilda de Dunton*, on *Hinton's* resignation.

*October 21, 1389*, *Mary de Dersingham*, on *Dunton's* resignation; she occurs in 1410.

*Elizabeth Beaupre* occurs in 1428.

*September 1, 1434*, *Alice Erle*.

*April 17, 1480*, *Margery Gaiton*.

*Matilda de Lupe*, occurs in 1482.

*Margery Fincham* occurs in 1517.

*Elizabeth Dawney* occurs in 1532, and on its dissolution, when it was valued according to *Dugdale*, at 42l. 6s. 7d. ob. according to *Speed* at 76l. 3s. 9d. ob,

Here were a prioress and 10 nuns.

On the 19th of *June*, in the 4th of *Edward VI*. the site of this dissolved priory, the manor of *Blackburgh*, and the fair were granted by the King to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successors, on the payment of 1l. 3s. 9d. per ann. into the court of augmentation, and is now held by lease of the see of *Norwich*. It appears from an audit-roll of *Dr. John Hopton*, Bishop in the 3d and 4th of Queen *Mary*, that the rent of the free tenants amounted to 24s. and 2d. per ann. the customary tenants 2s. 2d. ob. and the profits of the fair 20d.

In Sir *Henry Spilman's* History of Sacrilege, an account may be seen of many troubles attending the possessors of it; the said gentleman had the ledger book of this priory; and concealed lands in *Middleton, Sechy, West Winch, &c.* belonging to it, were granted November 28, in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, to *Edmund Grimston, &c.* There is nothing now remaining, except a part of it turned into a dove-house.

Bishop *Schambler* let it to Queen *Elizabeth* in 1588, at 11*l.* 17*s.* 3*d.* per ann. for 80 years.

The temporalities of *Carhow* priory here, in 1428, were 6*d.* spiritualities of *Butley* priory, 2 marks and a half.

## WEST-NEWTON,

**W**ROTE *Nivetuna* in the grand survey, that is a tuna, or town, nigh to water, or river, (as this is) and not, as some may conceive, from its new site or, erection.\*

It was a beruite to the manor of *Snetesham*, and held by the Archbishop *Stigand* in the Confessor's time, in his own right, who being in arms against the Conqueror, he seized on it, and gave it to *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux* in *France*, his brother-in-law, lord at the survey; when it consisted of one carucate and an' half, held by 6 villains, 3 borderers, 2 servi, and 2 carucates in demean; 2 also amongst the tenants, with 20 acres of meadow; and 2 socmen held 16 acres of lapd and half a carucate, one runcus, and 7 sheep.†

*Odo* rebelling, as has been observed, against King *William II.* was deprived of it, and it was granted by that King to *William de Albini*, ancestor to the Earls of *Sussex, &c.* by whom the family of *Aungerville* was enfeoffed in this manor.

Sir *Benedict de Aungerville* was lord in the reign of *Henry II.* he had 3 daughters and coheirs, one married to *William de Snetterton, alias de Bukenham*, the second to *Hugh de Bellofago, or Beaufo*, and the third, *Susan*, to Sir *Andrew de Sherneburn*, who dying without issue, this township was divided between *Bukenham* and *Beaufo*, and so became two lordships.

\* Thus Newton by Castlecre Newton in Cambridgeshire, and Newenham adjoining to, and a hamlet of Cambridge, (this village is called in old deeds, also, at times, Fullyng Newton) thus Newington, that is a town by watery meadows, and Newland in Gloucestershire, &c.

† Terre Epi. Baiocensis.—Jacet etiam i beruita Nivetuna i car. et dim. et vi. vill. et iii bord. et ii ser. et ii car. in dnio. semp. ii car. hom, et xx ac. pti. et ii soc. xvi ac. tre. et dim. car. semp. i r. et vii. ov.

## BUKENHAM MANOR.

*William de Snetterton*, or *Bukenham*, was succeeded by *Hugh*, his son, who married *Alice*, daughter and coheir of *Ralph de Somerton* and *Susan* his wife, sister and coheir of *Gosceline de Lodnes*; and had *Ralph de Bukenham*, his son and heir,<sup>9</sup> who was lord in the 41st of *Henry III.* *Hugh de Bukenham* succeeded, who kept his court here on the vigil of *St. Catherine*, in the 10th of *Edward I.* 1287, and married *Margaret*, daughter of *Miles le Parker*, and held one fee in this town.

In 1292, *Sir William le Parker* kept a court as guardian to *Hugh*, son and heir of *Hugh*; and in 1297, *Hugh de Bukenham* kept his court, and in the 28th of that King, by the name of *Sir Hugh de Sneterton*, as appears from the old roll that I have seen.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Hugh* was returned as lord of this town, and had free-warren, and in this family it continued, *Hugh Bokenham* settling it on *Emma* his wife, by his last will in 1462. After this it was in the *Copledikes*, (as in *Appleton*,) then in the *Cokets*, who conveyed it to *Conynsby*, and in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, *Humphrey Conynsby* was lord. After this it came to *Clement Paston*, Esq. and after to the *Hostes*, and from them by a daughter, as in *Sandringham*, to *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq.

## BEAUFO'S, OR RIVETT'S.

*Hugh de Bellofago*, or *Beaufo*, gave name to this lordship, whose descendant, *Sir Nicholas*, was lord in the 9th of *Edward II.* and left two daughters and coheirs; *Amicia*, who married *Thomas de Berdewelle*, lord of a manor in *West Herling*, in her right, and *Alice*, married to *John Ricet* of *Fretton* in *Norfolk*; and in the 5th of *Edward III.* a fine was levied between *John Ricet* and *Alice* his wife, and *Thomas de Berdewelle* and *Amicia* his wife;<sup>1</sup> wherein 19 messuages, several great parcels of land here, in *Appleton*, *Sandringham*, *Wulferton*, *Babingley*, &c. were conveyed to, and settled on *Alice*.

After this, it was in the *Bertrams*, of *Saxlingham*, by *Holt*; and *John Bertram*, by his will, dated *July 15, 1462*, devised it to be sold, after the decease of his daughters, *Mary* and *Ann*;<sup>2</sup> who were to have each of them 40s. *per ann.* out of it for life.

Some time after it was possessed by the *Cobbs* of *Sandringham*.

*Jeffrey Cobb*, Esq. had livery of it in the 20th of *Elizabeth*, and after him *William Cobbe*, Esq. It was sold by the *Cobbes*, to Judge *Atkins*, and by him to the *Hosts*, as in *Sandringham*, and so came to *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq.

The town was taxed for tenths, &c. at 2l. 9s.

The CHURCH of *Newton* is dedicated to *St. Peter*, and *St. Paul*, and is a rectory valued in the King's books at 5l. 6s. 8d. and is discharged of first-fruits, &c. and was charged anciently for *Peter-pence* 5d. *per ann.* the rectory at 5 marks.

<sup>9</sup> This *Ralph* gave to *Buckenham* priory, the advowson of this church in the 41st of *Hen. I.*

<sup>1</sup> *Fin. div. Comit. L. r. N. 102.*

<sup>2</sup> *Reg. Brusyerd in Offic. Norwic.*



*Benedict de Aungerville* gave the advowson of it to the priory of *Windham*, with the consent of his wife, and it was confirmed by the Earl of *Arundel*,<sup>3</sup> or *Sussex*, lord of the fee; but there being a dispute relating to it, in the 41st of *Henry III.* a fine was then levied between *Ralph de Bukenham*, and *Sir Hugh de Beaufort*, by which it was confirmed to the said priory; and so continued to the Dissolution, when it came to the Crown, and so remains.

## RECTORS.

- 1328, *Robert Gatte*, by the prior, &c. of *Wymondham*.  
 1343, *William de Southrepps*, (an exchange for *St. Bartholomew*, in *Norwich*,) ditto.  
 1349, *John de King's Ripton*, ditto, to *Newton* vic. by *Rising*.  
 1359, *John Myles*. Ditto.  
 1380, *Thomas Montemor*. Ditto.  
     *John North*.  
 1410, *Thomas Cordwainer*, ditto, an exchange for *Aldham*.  
 1417, *Simon Salle*, ditto, exchange for *Condenham*.  
 1417, *Richard Teler*. Ditto.  
 1438, *William Wright*. Ditto.  
 1438, *John Palmer*. Ditto.  
 1466, *John Denys*. Ditto.  
 1480, *William Watton*. Ditto.  
 1509, *Robert Hill*. Ditto.  
 1512, *Thomas Baxter*.  
 1558, *John Pateson*, by *Edmund Southouse*, assignee of the prior and convent.  
 1564, *Edmund Bircham*, by *William Roberts* of *Cranbrook*, in *Kent*.  
 1595, *Robert Feilden*, by the Queen.  
 1608, *James Webster*. Ditto.  
 1636, *Hieronymus Spilman*, by the King.  
 1651, *William Knapp*.  
 1667, *Edmund Hamond*, by the King.  
 1689, *Steph. Beaumont*, by the King and Queen.  
 1705, *Thomas Gill*, by the Queen.  
 1729, *Samuel Kerrich*, by the King.  
 1731, *Franc. Seward*. Ditto.  
 1732, *James Sharp*. Ditto.  
*Thomas Cocket* of *Brunsthorpe*, Esq. buried here *January 29, 1606*, and *Mrs. Anne Cocket*, late wife of the said *Thomas*, *July 17, 1615*.  
 In this church was the guild of the Holy Trinity, that of *St. Peter*, and that of *St. John*.

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Windham priory, fol. 41. 90. &c.

## PENTNEY,

## MANOR AND PRIORY.

**I**s a village, pent in, or surrounded with water, held by *Hagan* in the Confessor's time, but on the conquest was bestowed on *Roger Bigod*, who was the first of that great family (afterwards Earls of *Norfolk*) who settled in *England*, and was a *Norman* Earl, (most probably,) taking place next to *William* Earl *Warren*, and before those bishops, &c. who held lordships in this county, as appears from the survey; for the services he performed at the conquest, he was highly rewarded with several lordships in *Essex*, &c. with 117 in *Suffolk*, and with these following in *Norfolk*.

*Thetford*,\* where he founded a famous abbey, and dying in 1107, was buried there.—*Pentney*, *East Walton*, *Thorp*, *Fritcham*, *East Winch*, *Appleton*, *Grimston*, and *Mussingham*, in *Freebridge* hundred.—*Ringstead*, *Hunstanton*, in *Smethden* hundred: and *Tichwell*, in *Docking* hundred.—*Mundford*, *Sturston*, *Linford*, and *Stanford*, in *Grimshoe* hundred.—*Wolton*, *Totington*, *Girston*, *Breccles*, *Saham*, and *Tomeston*, in *Weyland* hundred.—*Hockham*, *Norton*, *Shropham*, *Wilby*, *Besthorp*, *Rockland*, *Banham*, and *Bretenham*, in *Shropham* hundred.—*Lopham Magna* and *Parva*, *Snareshill*, and *Quidenham*, in *Gilcross* hundred.—*Repps*, *Rollsby*, *Sutton*, *Oby*, *Clipsby*, *Thurn*, *Burgh*, *Billokby*, *Bastwick*, *Somerton*, and *Winterton*, in *Flegg West* hundred.—*Shotesham*, *South Birlingham*, *Stoke*, *Surlingham*, *Bramerton*, *Sarlingham*, *Kirby*, *Framingham*, *Trowse*, *Rockland*, *Sithing*, *Bixley*, *Poringland*, *Wicklingham*, *Holveston*, and *Ailvorton*, in *Heinstede* hundred.—*Shimpling*, *Gissing*, and *Osmundston*, in *Dis* hundred.—*Mundham*, *Claxton*, *Watton*, *Norton*, *Ashby*, *Sething*, *Thurston*, *Carlton*, *Pirenhou*, *Beddingham*, and *Appleton*, in *Lothing* hundred, or *Clavering*.—*Wissingset*, in *Launditch* hundred.—*Yasham*, and *Thuzton*, in *Milford* hundred.—*Creak*, in *Gallow* hundred.—*Burnham*, *Deepdale*, and *Reinham*, in *Brodercross* hundred.—*Elingham*, in *Fourhou* hundred.—*Narburgh*, in *South Greenhow* hundred.—*Wood-Dalling*, and *Gaeroley*, in *North Greenhow* hundred.—*Hunworth*, *Runc-ton*, *Aleby*, *Alburgh*, *Thurgarton*, *Calthorp*, *Catfield*, *Statham*, *Horsey*, *Brunstead*, *Hameton*, *Sustede*, *Aylmerton*, *Felbrigg*, *Gresham*, *Barn-ingham*, *Metton*, *Ruston*, *Suffield*, *Antingham*, *Shipden*, and *Beckam*, in *North Erpingham* hundred.—*Thrigby*, *Filby*, *Runham*, *Nesse*, in *East Flegg* hundred.—*Hethel*, *Ketwick*, *Keteringham*, *Carlton*, *Flor-don*, *Newton*, *Swerdeston*, *Braconash*, *Dunston*, *Mulbarton*, *Cringle-ford*, *Neland*, *Manegreen*, *Wreningham Magna* and *Parva*, *Colney*, and *Rainsthorp*, in *Humble-Yard* hundred.—*Fornset*, *Tanaton*, *Ailac-ton*, *Hadeston*, *Hemenhale*, *Tibenham*, *Moulton*, *Shelton*, *Hardwick*,

\* Lib. Domeid.

*Stratton, Fritton, Hekelington, Hales, Wacton, Tasburgh, Hupton, Tacolnston Funderhale, and Thurston, in Depwade hundred.—Hadsco, Heckingham, Norton, Ravingham, Hedingham, and Thurston, in Clavering hundred.—Marsham, in Holt hundred.—Starston, in Ears ham hundred.—Aldby, Burgh, Erpingham, Thorp, and Wickmere, in South Erpingham hundred.—Felmingham, Suffield, and Smalburgh, in Tunsted hundred.—Palling, Waxham, Stulham, Brunsted, and Horsey, in Happing hundred.—Walington, Bexwell, Downham, Stradset, and Bycham, in Clackclose hundred.*

In the time of the Confessor, as I have observed, *Hagane*<sup>5</sup> was lord of this town or manor, and ejected; and *Robert de Vallibus*, or *Vaux*, was enfeoffed herein, by *Roger Bigot*, and held it of him; 11 villains, 14 borderers, 6 servi, then belonged to it; there were 3 carucates in demean, and 3 amongst the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 3 mills, the third part of a salt-work, and *East Waltune* was a beruite belonging to it; it was worth, in King *Edward's* time, *5l. per ann.* at the survey 7*l.* the whole was five furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 8*d.* gelt, two churches endowed with 30 acres, one here, the other (as I take it) at *Walton*, valued at 2*s.* 8*d.* per ann. that is the 30 acres of glebe.<sup>6</sup>

*Robert de Vallibus*, who held this of *Bigot*, had two elder brothers, who also settled in *England* after the *Norman* conquest; *Hubert*, the eldest, had the whole barony of *Gillesland* in *Cumberland*, granted to him by *Ranulph de Meschines*, on whom *William* the 1st had bestowed the whole county; *Ranulph de Vaux* had also certain lordships in the said county, and *Robert* the barony of *Dalston*.

This *Robert* founded the priory here for the souls of *Agnes* his wife, and their children, dedicated to the honour of the Holy Trinity, the blessed Virgin *Mary*, and St. *Mary Magdalen*, in the Isle, *Eya*, for canons regular of the order of St. *Augustin*; endowing it with the manor of *Pentney*, in the isle called *Eya*; the mill and miller of *Briginlade*, 2 salt-works, or pits, one at *Lynn*, the other at *South Wotton*, and the whole rent of *Fulk de Congham*.

The hermitage of *Walney, Offsey, and Shertwood*, with the appertinances at *Wadington*, the land called *Crundale*, containing 15 acres, the land of *Richard* the weaver, 13 acres in *Wadington*, the mill at *Shotsham*, with the land of *Ralph*, son of the priest, being 15 acres, with the appertinances; the advowsons of the churches of his lordships; *Tharston, Chedston, Keteringham, Shotsham St. Botolph, and Althallows, and Houghton*, with all the liberties, privileges, &c. warranting them against all the world.

At his death he left three sons, *William, Oliver, and Henry*; *William*, the eldest, confirmed his father's grants, and gave by deed a rent charge of 4*s.* per ann. out of land in *Wootton*, to be paid by *William*, the priest there, and his heirs. *William de Vaux*, at his death, left also 3 sons, *Robert, Adam, and William*, who was of *Pentney*.

*Robert*, the eldest, had 7 sons, *Robert, William, Oliver, John, Philip,*

<sup>5</sup> This *Hagane* was the same (as I take it) with *Hacon*, son of *Swain*, eldest son of *Earl Goodwine*, and brother of King *Harold*.

<sup>6</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti, Penteleia tenet Hagane T. R. E. p. man. iii car. tre. mo. tenet Rob. de Vals. semp. xi

vill. xiiii bord. vi. serv. iii car. in dnio. iii car. hom. xx ac. pti. iii mol. v'tia pars saline, huc terre jacet i beruuita, Waltuna, &c. tot. val. T. R. E. c. sol. et mo. vii lib. hoc tot. in long. v. qr. et iii in lato, et viiid. de gelto. Eccle. xxx ac. val. ii sol. et viiid. Domesd.

*Roger*, and *Hugh*; but *Robert*, the eldest of these 7, dying without issue, was succeeded by *Oliver* in his estate, who in the 13th of King *John*, gave 500 marks, and 5 palfreys for license to marry *Petronill*, widow of *Henry de Mara*, and to enjoy her estate, she being the widow of *William de Longcamp*, and lived till the 46th of *Henry III.* *Henry de Longcamp* being found her son and heir; this *Oliver* was one of the barons in arms against King *John*, and in the 29th of *Henry III.* answered for 32 knights fees. *Robert* his son died (as I take it) before his father *Oliver*, and left *William* his son, who about the 30th of the said King, married *Alianore*, daughter of *William Ferrers* Earl of *Derby*, and dying without issue before the 37th of the said reign, *John de Vaux* his brother appears to be his heir. In the 49th of *Henry III.* for his faithful services, he was made sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, and soon after governour of the castle of *Norwich*, and dying in the 16th of *Edward I.* left by *Sybill* his wife, two daughters and coheirs; *Petronel*, married to Sir *William de Nerford*, and *Maud* to *William de Ros*, lord of *Hamlake*, between whom his great estate was divided, and Sir *William* is said to have 25 knights fees with his lady, and the Lord *Ros*, 19 with his; the patronage of the priory here was also settled on Sir *William*, which had been till this time in the family of *Vaux*, the lordship of this town being granted (as I have observed) to the priory; on its foundation, to which I now return.

*William*, the prior and convent, gave by deed *sane date*, to *Richard North*, a tenement in *South Wotton*, which afterwards came to the monks of *Wymondham*.

In the 16th year of *Henry III.* *Rowland le Sire* and *Helewise* his wife, granted by fine to *Simon*, the prior, lands in *Thorp*; in the 34th of the said King, *Nicholas de Hasting* gave by fine to *Simon* the prior, a messuage and 2 carves of land in *Thorp*, (by *Geyton*), and *East Winch*, and certain customs and services, which *Thomas de Mutton* demanded of the prior for lands held there.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* the prior was found to hold the advowson of the church of *West Bilney*, of the gift of *Peter de Pelevile*.

Sir *John de Thorp* gave in the 16th of *Edward II.* a lordship in *Geyton Thorp*, with a messuage, 100 acres of land, 4 of pasture there, and and in *Walton*, *Wykes* and *Bekeswell*, and the advowson of a moiety of the church of *Geyton Thorp*, with 28 acres of land in *Tilney*; and before this, in the 11th of the said King, the prior had license to purchase a messuage, 22 acres of land, 2 roods of pasture, and 7s. rent of *Amicia*, wife of *John Butterwick*, in *Fincham* and *Stradeset*, and in the 43d of *Edward III.* had a patent for the manor of *Belhouse*, in *North Tudenham*.

In the 44th of *Edward III.* the prior had a grant of free warren in this manor, *West Bilney*, and *Thorp*, and in the 12th of *Richard II.* the men of *Pentney* were allowed to be toll free, it being esteemed ancient demans.

The prior, in the 21st of that King, had a suit about a house in *Norwich*, wherein he sets forth that *Robert*, son of *Ralph*, son of *Wibert* of *Newton*, by *Castleacre*, was seized of 5s. rent per ann. out of a messuage in *St. Mary's Parva*, there in the time of *Henry III.* and the aforesaid *Robert* gave it to God, and the church of *St. Mary Magdalen* of *Pentney*, being before the statute of *Mortmain*, when

*Jeffrey* was prior, who was seized of it by this gift, and all his successors to the time of *Walter* the present prior, so that he recovered.

In 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 23*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* ob. and their whole temporalities at 67*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* ob. q.

*Walter*, Bishop of *Norwich*, with the consent of his convent, and of *John* Earl of *Northumberland*, patron of the priory of *Wirmegay*, united and consolidated that priory, to this of *Pentney*, in 1468; on this the prior and convent here engaged to pay 40*d.* per ann. to the priory of *Norwich*, for a mediety of the church of *Fordham* in *Norfolk*, appropriated to *Wirmegay*, and 20*d.* per ann. for the church of *Westbriggs* appropriated thereto; and 12*d.* per ann. for this union, and consolidation of the said two priories.

The manor of *Grantcourts* in *East Winch*, and that of *Curples* in *West Derham*, and lands in *Rexham*, by *West Derham*, belonged to them.

This house had also a manor in *Keteringham*, with the rectory appropriated, and the patronage of the vicarage, to which *Richard de la Rokele* added land, and *Alice de Kangham*, who in 1249, gave 28 acres of land, 8 of wood, and 5*s.* rent per ann.

*Shotesham All-Saints*, and *St. Botolph's* rectories were appropriated, and they presented to the vicarages of those churches; *Shotesham St. Mary's* church was also appropriated, to which they presented a vicar, and was granted by *William de Roos*, with a carucate of land in 1311, who married *Maud de Vaux*. The churches of *Pentney*, *Thorston*, *West Bilney*, *Shanburn*, and *Refham*, alias *Whitwell*, appropriated also, and the presentation of the vicar of *Sharnbourn*, *Whitwell* and *Thorston*, in *Norfolk*, was in this priory, with the patronage of *St. Mary's* church of *Warham*.

The rectories of *Abington Parva*, in *Cambridgeshire*, and of *Checdeton* in *Suffolk*, were appropriated, and they presented the vicars.

At its dissolution it was valued at 170*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* q. as *Dugdale*; but 215*l.* 18*s.* 6*d.* as *Speed*, with the cell of *Wirmegay*. About the time of the suppression here was a prior, with 13 canons.

King *Henry VIII.* on the 11th of *March*, in his 30th year, granted to *Thomas Mildmay*, Esq. auditor of the Exchequer, the site of this dissolved priory, with a water mill, the manor of *Pentney*, called *Ashwood*, a foldcourse for 200 sheep, and all the messuages, lands, &c. belonging to the said priory in this town, and King *Edward VI.* in his 4th year, *February* 26, granted him the impropriated rectory. Sir *Thomas Mildmay*, his son, conveyed all the aforesaid premises to *Francis Wynham*, Esq. a judge of the King's Bench; and on *April* 1, in the 20th of *James I.* Sir *Henry Windham* had license to sell it to Sir *Edward Bullock*, Knt. of *Falkbourn* hall, in *Essex*, from whom it was conveyed to Sir *Thomas Richardson*, Knt. lord chief justice of the King's Bench; who died seized of it *October* 24, 1631; and Sir *Thomas*, his son, inherited it.

The family of *Violet* in *Norfolk*, had after this an interest herein.

*Charles Nowys*, Esq. of *Wood Ditton* in *Cambridgeshire*, was lord about 1710; and ——— *Lloyd*, Esq. of *Epping* in *Essex*, was lord, and his widow now possesses it.

The tenths of this village were valued at 48*s.* and 10*s.* was deducted.

## PRIORS.

*William de Vaux*, grandson to the founder, was prior, in *Henry the Second's* time.

*Ralph* occurs prior in a fine, in the 9th of *Henry III.*

*Simon* in the 12, 17, and 34th of *Henry III.*

*Jeffrey* in King *Henry the Third's* time.

*Wilham*, sans date.

September 20, 1302, *Richard de Marham* admitted prior.

*Giles de Whitewell*, occurs 1338.

October 19, 1342, *Thomas de Helgey.*<sup>7</sup>

August 16, 1349, *Ralph de Framelyngham.*

September 27, 1351, *Vincent de Caldecot.*

July 16, 1353, *Peter Bysshop*, on *Caldecot's* resignation.

October 26, 1381, *Walter de Tyrington*; and occurs in 1397.

*John de Wilton*, prior.

February 15, 1414, *William Swaffham.*

June 20, 1416, *John de Tyrington*, and occurs 1448.

August 12, 1449, *Richard Pentney.*

September 10, 1464, *Ralph Midyllton.*

*John Woodbrigg*, alias *Hawes*, occurs in *Henry the Eighth's* time.

*Robert Codde*, or *Jodde* occurs in 1526: he was the last prior, and with *Richard Lynne*, and 12 other canons, subscribed to the King's supremacy September 9, 1534, surrendered this priory to the King, and had pensions for life. This prior had criminal conversation with the prioress of *Markam*, as appeared by her confession,<sup>8</sup> and *John Dedham*, *Stephen Long*, *John Shipdam*, *Thomas Little*, and *Richard Clerk*, canons, confessed themselves guilty of great incontinency.

*Robert de Waterville* was also prior, but the time is not mentioned.

In 1555, Sir *Robert Townsend*, Knt. had a pension of 26s. 8d. per ann. paid him, as late steward, and Sir *John Godsake*, Knt. one of 30s. per ann. as late receiver-general of this priory.

Their seal was the figure of *St. Mary Magdalen*; the legend,

SIGILLVM. SCE. MARIE. MAGDALENE. DE PENTNEIA.

It is said by *Camden*, that this was in ancient times the ordinary burial-place of the noblemen and gentlemen in this tract; but I find only these following persons here interred; *Petronilla*, wife of Sir *William de Nerford*, in 1326,<sup>9</sup> and *Maud*, wife of *William Lord Ross*, daughters of Sir *John de Vaux*, who most probably with several of his ancestors lie here, as does Sir *John de Nerford*, son of *Petronilla*, who died in the 3d of *Edward III.*

*Margaret Marchal*, Gent. buried in the priory church 1461, by her husband.<sup>1</sup>

*John Vernon*, vicar of *Shernbourn*, gave at his death a vestment to the chapel of *St. Mary of Pentney.*

The site of this priory is about a mile westward of the church, the gate-house, which is a curious building of free-stone, is still standing,

<sup>7</sup> Lib. Instit. Norwic.

<sup>8</sup> Compend. Comptor.

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<sup>9</sup> Lib. Abbat. de Langley.

<sup>1</sup> Regist. Broseyrd, Norw. p. 285.

and covered with lead: a print of it was published a few years past by *Mr. Millicent*.

The church of *Pentney* was dedicated to *St. Mary Magdalen*, and appropriated to the priory, valued at *5l. per ann.*; besides the pensions therein, the prior and convent of *Norwich* had here, and in the church of *Middleton*, one of *20s. per ann.* and the abbey of *Nutley*, one valued at *54s. 4d.* and paid *Peter-pence 6d.*

## RISING

**W**AS a beruite belonging to the great lordship of *Snetesham* in this neighbourhood, held by *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in the time of King *Edward*, who being in arms against the Conqueror, was deprived not only of his see of *Canterbury*, but of all his lay fees and inheritance, of which this was one; and was given by King *William*, to *Odo* Bishop of *Bayeux* in *Normandy*, half brother to the said King, who held it when the Book of Domesday was made in 1085.

It then consisted of 3 carucates of land, held by 12 villains and 38 borderers, 3 servi, and 14 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 amongst the tenants, and 7 socmen had 24 acres of land, to whom there always belonged one carucate; there were 3 mills, 12 salt pits,<sup>2</sup> or salt works, and a fishery, and 3 socmen held 60 acres of land, with one carucate, and one socman, 60 acres and one carucate, and 26 borderers, one carucate and 8 acres of meadow, one mill, and one salt pit.<sup>3</sup>

*Odo* Bishop of *Bayeux*, and also Earl of *Kent*, being in arms against King *William II.* in the beginning of his reign, in behalf of *Robert* Duke of *Normandy*, the Conqueror's eldest son, who laid claim to the crown of *England*, was deprived of this manor and all his other estates in *England*, and this was given by the said King to *William d'Albini*, styled *Pincerna Regis*, the King's butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, of that name. He was son of *Roger de Albini*, a *Norman*, by *Amicia de Mowbray* his wife, and married *Maud*, daughter of *Roger Bigod*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*,<sup>4</sup> with whom he had 10 knights fees in *Norfolk*. *William* was his son and heir.

In the battle of *Tinchebrai*, fought September 27, 1106, between *Henry I.* King of *England*, and his brother, *Robert* Duke of *Nor-*

<sup>2</sup> Sal, as wrote in Domesday Book, stands for *Salina*. Antiquaries interpret it a salt pit, or salt work.

<sup>3</sup> Terre Epi. Baiocensis. hund. et dim. de *Fredrebruge*.

Huic manerio (viz. *Snettesham*) jacet i beruita Risinga. iiii car. tre. semp. xii vill. et xxxviii bord. tc. iiii ser. mo. iiii et xiiii ac. pti. semp. ii car. in dno. et ii car. hou. et vii sochem. xxiiii ac. tre. sep.

i car. et iiii mol. et xii sal. et i pisc. et iiii soc. lx. acr. tre. semp. i car. et i soc. lx. ac. et i car. et xxvi bord. et i car. et viii ac. pti. et i mol. et i sal.

<sup>4</sup> In the treating of this noble family, I shall omit what may be found in *Dugdale's Baronage*, &c. and have regard only to what relates to this town, or what does not occur in our common printed historians.

*mandy*, a French historian<sup>5</sup> takes notice that one *William D' Aubigny*, Knt. of the county of *Dol*, distinguished himself much, and makes him to be the ancestor of the Earls of *Sussex* and *Arundel*.

This probably was the *William* above mentioned, son of *William*, the *Pincerna*, who was created by King *Henry I.* Earl of *Sussex*, remarkably famous for his gallant actions, and married *Adeliza*, the dowager Queen of King *Henry I.* daughter of *Godfrey* Duke of *Lo-rain*; by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, who sealed, as his father did, with *gules*, a lion rampant, or.

*Agatha de Trussbut* wife of *William de Albiney*, lord of *Rising*, and Earl of *Arundel*, paid King *John* at *Lynn*, October 11, A°. 18, 100 marks of silver for his freedom, being a prisoner for rebellion.

In this family this lordship continued till the death of *Hugh de Albiney* on the 7th of *May*, 1243, in the 27th year of *Henry III.* who leaving no issue by *Isabel* his wife, daughter of *William* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, his four sisters and coheirs divided his large inheritance between them. About that time the lady *Isabel*, relict of Earl *Hugh*, had an assignation of dower in these knights fees, held chiefly, if not wholly, of the honour of *Arundel* and *Sussex*; <sup>6</sup> viz. three knights fees held by *John de Bulmer* in *Wotton*; two held by *Thomas de Grimston*; two by *Hugh de Verley*;—half a fee by *Hubert Hacun*;—the fourth part of a fee by *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*; three fees by *Henry de Shelton*; two by *Giles de Wachesham*; three, and a fourth part, by *William de Brom*; one by *William Rusteng*; one by *Ralph de Ho*: half a fee by *Thomas de Hengham*; six by *Henry Tregoz*; two by *John le Fleming*; three by *William Aguillon*; one by *William de Dive*; one by *Peter de Hotot*, and half a one by *Walter de Cherlcot*. And in the 28th of the said reign, she gave a fine to the King that she might marry to whom she thought proper, or pleased; and for a relief of lands late *Joan de Beauchamp's*, as one of her heirs.

This Earl *Hugh* gave to King *Henry III.* in his 18th year, a fine of 2050 marks, to have seizen of the King's term of his inheritance till his full age, for all the castles and manors whereof his brother died possessed, and of all the Earl of *Chester's* and *Lincoln's* inheritance, his uncle; which was in the King's hands, by reason of his nonage, reserving to the King the presentations to all the churches till his full age.

On his death he left four sisters and coheirs; *Mabel*, who married *Robert* Lord *Tatesball*; *Isabel*, married *John* Lord *Fitz-Alan*; *Nicholaa*, married *Sir Roger Somery*; and *Cecily*, *William* Lord *Montalt*.

This township, with the castle, and the fourth part of the *Tolbothe* at *Lynn*, &c. was assigned to *Roger de Monte-Alto*, Lord of *Montalt*, or *Mohaut*, who married *Cecily*, fourth daughter of *William* Earl of *Sussex*, and sister and coheir to Earl *Hugh*, who made it his chief seat and place of residence. In the 29th of the said reign, the heirs of *Hugh* Earl of *Sussex*, accounted for 76l. for 76 knight's fees, on the aid for marrying the King's eldest daughter: this *Roger* gave to the King three palfreys to have a partition of the late Earl's estates; and in the 38th of the said King, had a grant of a fair in this town, and a charter for a free-warren here.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Lobineaux Hist. de Bretagne, vol. 1. m. 3.

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<sup>7</sup> Rot. Pip. Norf. Rot. Vascon. 38

<sup>6</sup> Claus. Vascon. 27. Hep. III. p. 2. Hen. III. p. 2. m. 51.



*Roger* (called *Robert*, by *Dugdale*) Lord *Montalt* died in the 44th of *Henry III.* and left *John*, his son and heir, who married first, *Allen*, widow of *Robert de Stockport*, and secondly *Millecentia*, daughter of *William de Cantilupo*, and coheiress with her sister, lady *Joan Hastings*, mother of *John de Hastings*, to her brother, *George de Catelupo*; she was relict of *Eudo le Zouch*, lord of *Harringworth*, in *Northamptonshire*, by whom she had *William le Zouch*, her heir, but had no issue by *John Lord Montalt*; she appears to be his widow in the 19th of *Edward I.* and died in the 27th of the said King.<sup>1</sup>

I find upon record *Cecilia de Monthalt*, relict of *Roger*, was in the King's hands in the 52d of *Henry III.* who claimed the power of giving her in marriage, she holding in fee 60*l.* per ann.<sup>2</sup>

*Robert Lord Montalt* succeeded his brother *John*, about the 52d of the aforesaid King, and *Richard Hawardyn* held of him one fee here, and in that year, the King's bailiff was not permitted to enter into this village, the lord having the return of all writs.

On his death in the 3d of *Edward I.* he was found to have held it in *capite*, to have a chase, free-warren, assise of bread and beer, the lete, wreck at sea, and other royalties;<sup>3</sup> and the heirs of *William de Milliers* held of him here and in *Wymondham*, &c. one fee and the fourth part of a fee.

He was succeeded by *Roger*, his son and heir, by *Isabel* his wife, who married *Julian*, daughter of *Roger Clifford*, and was impleaded on account of the rights of his chase, in the 18th of *Edward I.* by *William Rusteng*, lord of *Congham*, a dog of his tenant having his claws cut off by this lord's servants. He dying in the 25th of the said King, aged 27, without issue, was succeeded by his brother, *Robert Lord Montalt*, who was the eighteenth lord of parliament, who sealed the famous letter sent to the Pope, in the 29th year of *Edward I.* denying the kingdom of *Scotland* to be of his fee, or that he had any jurisdiction in temporal affairs, dated at *Lincoln*, February 12, 1301.

In the 1st of *Edward II.* he was summoned, amongst other nobles, to attend the King's coronation, to be solemnized the Sunday next after the feast of *St. Valentine*, by writ dated at *Dover*, January 8. In the 12th of the said King, the charter of wreck at sea, in all his lands in this county was confirmed to him.—*Snetsham*, *Hecham*, *Hunstanton*, *Thornham*, *Tichwell*, &c. are particularly mentioned.

*William de Albini* Earl of *Sussex* having one in the time of *Henry III.* through the whole hundreds of *Freebridge* and *Smithden*.

In the 18th of the said King, on September 30, the King sent a precept to this Lord, and *Thomas Lord Bardolph*, to inform them of *Mortimer's* approach, and to be careful of the country hereabouts.

This *Robert* appears to have inherited large possessions, as heir to his brother: he paid to King *Edward I.* for relief on his entrance on them 25*l.* for the 4th part of the earldom of *Arundel*.—6*l.* 5*s.* for the 4th part of the earldom of *Chester*.—12*l.* 10*s.* for two fees and an-half held of the King in *capite* in *Cheshire*.—10*l.* for the manor of *Kenyng-hale*, in *Norfolk*, the manors of *Wymondham* and *Bukenham* held of the King by being his butler; also he held the manors of *Hawerden* and *Boxley* in *Cheshire* of the King in *capite*, by the service of being

<sup>1</sup> Assiz. Northampt. 13 Edw. I. Rot. Regis maritand. Terra valet 60*l.* per 5, in dorso. et 42. Eschæct. 27 Edw. I. ann. Plita Coron. Rot. 31.

<sup>2</sup> Cecilia de Monte Alto in donatione <sup>3</sup> Esch. 27. N. 24.

steward to the Earls of *Chester*, and placing the first dish on the table of the said Earl, at *Chester*, on the nativity of our Lord and Saviour; the manors of *Leston* and *La Lee*, the moiety of *Wrichholm* in *Cheshire*, of the King, by the service of two fees and an half, and to find a judge to sit every six weeks at *Chester* to try causes.

This *Robert*, and *Emma* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Henry de Cliff*, clerk, the castle and manor of *Montalt* in *Wales*, the castle and manors of *Hawardyn* and *Neston* in *Cheshire*, the stewardship of *Chester*, the manor of *Boseley* in the said county, the manors of *Walton on Trent*, *Dere* and *Cheylesmore* in *Warwickshire*, 1071. yearly rent from the priory of *Coventry*, with the homage and service of the prior, the castle of *Rysing*, the manors of *Rysing*, *Snetesham*, and *Kenyngdale*; the fourth part of the *Tolbothe* of *Lenne* in *Norfolk*; *Casingland* and *Frammesden* in *Suffolk*, with all their rights, privileges and appertenances thereunto belonging; which the said *Henry* reconveyed to the said *Robert* and *Emma*, and their heirs male, lawfully begotten; remainder to *Isabella*, Dowager Queen of *England*, for life, then to *John* of *Eltham*, second son of King *Edward* II. Earl of *Cornwall*, and his heirs; with a remainder to King *Edward* III. and his heirs, by a deed dated at *Nottingham*, May 8th, in the first year of King *Edward* III. witnesses, *John* Bishop of *Ely*, the King's chancellor, Sir *William de Herle*, *Roger de Bynney*, *Roger de Watevill*, *Nicholas de Goncwill*, and *John Walcwyn*, Knts.; for this settlement the King paid to the lord *Montalt* 10,000 marks.

This *Robert* Lord *Montalt* died on *Tuesday* next after the feast of the nativity of our Lord, in the year 1329, in the 3d of *Edward* III. without issue, and was buried in the priory of *Shouldham* in *Norfolk*, being the last heir male of that family, who took their name from a hill, in *Flintshire*, in *Wales*, where they anciently resided, and had a castle.

The first upon record was *Norman*, one of the barons of *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*.

*Ralph*, his brother, had a son *Robert*, who was steward, and one of the barons of the Earl of *Chester*, and grandfather of *Roger*, who married *Cecily*, sister and coheir of *Hugh* Earl of *Arundel*.

The lady *Emma*, his widow, by deed dated at *London*, *December* 3, in the 5th of the aforesaid King, surrendered up all the aforementioned castles, manors, &c. with all her rights in *London*, (for 400*l.* per ann. annuity,) to the Queen Dowager; to this deed is a round seal about the bigness of a shilling, with 2 shields; one being quarterly, with a bordure, the arms (as I take it) of her first husband,\* the other, *azure*, a lion rampant, *argent*, the arms of her second, and,

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Soon after this, she died, and was buried in the body of the church of *Stradgeset*, in *Norfolk*, a large gravestone of black marble lying over her, at this day. Whose daughter she was, does not appear; she was probably a daughter of *De Stradsete*, a family of great antiquity, lords of *Stradsete*.

At her death, the Queen Dowager *Isabell* took possession of this

\* Richard Fitz John (son of Richard Fitz John, barons of the realm) was her husband, great grandson of Jeffrey Fitz R. Earl of *Essex*; he died in the 23d, or 25th of *Edward* I. and is said to be buried in the priory of *Shouldham*. Fitz John Lord *Vescie* bore quarterly, or and gules, a bordure vairy, argent and *azure*.

lordship and castle, &c. and Sir *Robert de Morley*, (cousin and heir to *Robert*; the last Lord *Montalt*), son of *William de Morley* of *Morley*, and the lady - - - - -, sister to the said Lord *Robert*, by his deed dated at *Swanton Morley*, in *Norfolk*, May 2, in the 8th year of King *Edward III.* released and confirmed the settlement aforesaid, made by his uncle, &c. on the said Queen, with all his rights to the lands of his uncle in *Leicestershire*, *Warwickshire*, and *Oxfordshire*; he sealed with argent, a lion rampant, sable, crowned or, circumscribed,

SIGILLUM ROBTI DE MORLEY.

King *Edward III.* in his eleventh year, October 1, settled the reversion of this manor and castle on his eldest son, *Edward*, after the death of his mother; *John* of *Eltham*, Earl of *Cornwall*, (his brother,) being dead, and leaving no issue, on whom it was before settled.

In the 20th of the said King, *John Armurer de Rysing*, *Robert Berners*, and *John Cook*, were found to hold the fourth part of a fee here, of Queen *Isabell*, which *Richard de Bulmer* formerly held.

This Queen had her residence here the greatest part of her widowhood, after the execution of her great favourite *Mortimer* Earl of *March*.

*Grafton* tells us, that the King, by the advice of his council, committed his mother (as prisoner) to be kept close in a castle, (but does not name it,) where she remained during her life: her commitment was in King *Edward's* 4th year, 1330.

In the 14th year of his reign, the King and his Queen were at this castle, paying a visit to his mother, and made some stay here, as appears by the account rolls of *Adam de Reffham* and *John de Newland* of *Lenn*, by *Risinge*, and sending a present of wine to him.

In August 1340, (14th of *Edward III.*) Queen *Isabel* sent her precept from this castle to *John de Cokesford*, mayor of *Lenne*, to send her eight carpenters to make several preparations therein.

In his 18th year, the King, on the 3d of August, was lodged here, as appears from several letters dated from this place,<sup>1</sup> and sent to *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, at *Avignon*, to be presented to the Pope.

On April 4, in 1357, (the 31st of *Edward III.*) a safe conduct was granted to *William de Leith*, a Scotchman, to wait on her here,<sup>2</sup> and in the next year following, (1358,) she died at this castle, on August 22, and was brought from hence about the end of November following; on the 20th of which month the King directed, by letter, the sheriffs of *London* and *Middlesex* to cleanse the streets of *London*, called *Bishop's-gate* and *Aldgate*, from dirt and dung, against the coming of the body of his mother; and directs by another, (dated December 1, following,) the treasurer and Barons of the Exchequer to allow 9*l.* which the sheriffs had expended for that purpose: she was buried in the midst of the choir of the Gray-friars church in *London*, and had a tomb of alabaster erected to her memory.

It may be here observed that *Mortimer*, her great favourite, was here buried, as *Stow* in his *Annals*, p. 350, quarto.

On the death of Queen *Isabel*, this lordship (and honour, as it is called) descended to her grandson, *Edward* Prince of *Wales*, and was valued, as appears from an account of his revenue, at 90*l.* per ann. and on the death of this prince, to his son *Richard*, soon after King of *England*, by the name of *Richard II.*

<sup>1</sup> Rymer's *Fœd.* vol. v. p. 419, &c.      Claus. 32 Ed. III. M. 2, Rymer. vol. vi.  
<sup>2</sup> Rot. Scot. 31. Ed. III. M. 10. ——— p. 110.

On Monday after the feast of the decollation of St. John Baptist, in the 2d year of this King Richard II. an inquisition was taken before Thomas Gissing, Richard Withermersel and Simon de Fincham, assigned to make a true value of the castle and manor of Rysing, with its appertenances, by the oaths of honest and lawful men, viz. Edward Warren, William Sefull, John de Teversham, John Salmon, William Lambrith, Sim. de Hall, John Boteler, John Pinchto, Richard Florys, John Sekelow, John Drye, John Seman and Roger Bately; who say upon their oaths, that the lord's fields, pastures, and marsh lands appertaining to the said manor, are let to John Salmon, to farm for the term of 7 years, giving 40 marks per ann. with the part of the Talbothe at Lynn, belonging thereto, and is let to Jeffrey de Talbothe, paying 40 marks per ann. to the King; that 5 mills belonging to the manor, are worth, above all reprises, 10l. per ann. that the perquisites of the courts, view of frankpledge of Rysing, North Wooton, and Ridon, belonging to the said manor are worth 10l. per ann; that the rents of assises belonging to the said manor are worth 20l. per ann. that the sale of conies in the warren of the said manor, are worth 20 marks per ann. that the sale of wood is worth 10 marks per ann. without any waste or destruction to be made. That there is a certain dovecoat worth 6s. 8d. per ann. that there is a certain watermill in the marsh of the said manor worth 20s. per ann. that there is a certain water called Brodes, worth 5s. per ann. that the toll of Rysing is worth 40s. per ann. that there is one meadow, called Wardele meadow, worth 12d. per ann. and several parcels of land let to several men worth 9s. 2d. per ann. and certain water, called Wigenhall, which Edward Noun holds for life by the grant of Edward, late Prince of Wales, worth 8 marks per ann. that John Kadeney holds certain lands and tenements in Rysinge, Ridon, and Wootton, for term of life, by grant of the said prince, worth 2l. 10s. per ann. also there were certain knights fees belonging to the castle and manor, viz. Roger Colvill, Knt. holds in Carelton, and Petoughe one fee,—Thomas de Latymer Clynal holds in Gissingland one fee,—Robert de Brokenhul, holds in the same town the 10th part of a fee,—Emma Wylot holds in Frameden the seventh part of a fee,—Ralph Holyday in the same town, the fifth part of a fee,—John Winston holds in the same town the seventh part of a fee,—John de Inglose holds three knight fees and au half in Loddon and Stratton,—Richard, son of Osbert, the 6th part of a fee in Besthorp,—William de Rokingham, in Elingham, the fourth part of a fee,—Thomas de Hengham, in Baconsthorn, half a fee,—John L' Strange, Knt. in Hunstanton, Totington, Ringsted, and Holm, five knights fees,—William de Milliers, in Wymondham and Rysinge one fee,—Emma de Warren, in Wocton, three fees, Roger de Scales, in Middleton, half a fee; and they say that the advowson of the church, &c. of Rysinge, and South Wooton belongs to the said castle and manor.

In the aforesaid second year of his reign, the King granted to John Montfort, surnamed the Valiant, Duke of Britain and Earl of Richmond, and to Joan his wife, called by the King, in his grant, his sister, in exchange for the castle of Brest in Britany.

Of this Joan, a query arises: Godfrey, in his History of King Charles VII. of France, says that he married to his second wife, a daughter of Edward the Black Prince, father of King Richard II. but as none of our genealogists have mentioned this, he must be mistaken. Philip

*L'Abbe*, in his *Tableaux Genealogiques*, observes that the second wife of the aforesaid *John*, was *Joan*, daughter of *Thomas Holland*, Earl of *Kent*, by *Joan* his wife, called the *Fair Maid of Kent*, daughter of *Edmund Plantaginet* Earl of *Kent*; and afterwards married to *Edward* the Black Prince, and so was (as he words it) "*Soeur Uterine de Richd. le II. Roy d'Angleterre*," that is, sister by her mother, to *Richard II.*

On *Montfort's* defection from the crown, of *England*, (and deposition from all titles of honour in *England*, by act of parliament, in the 14th of the said King) it was seized into the King's hands, who in the said year gave it to *Thomas de Woodstock*, Duke of *Gloucester*, sixth son to King *Edward III.* who being murdered at *Calais*, in the 21st year of King *Richard*, *Edmund de Langley* Duke of *York* 5th son to King *Edward III.* obtained a grant of it,<sup>3</sup> with the manors of *Beeston*, and *Mileham*, &c. in *Norfolk*, and died possessed of it in the 4th of King *Henry IV.* when it descended to his eldest son, *Edward* Duke of *York*; who being slain in the famous battle of *Agincourt*, in *France*, in the 3d of *Henry V.* it came to his brother, *Richard de Conningsbergh* Earl of *Cambridge*, who being beheaded in the said year, it fell to the Crown, where it remained till the 36th of *Henry VIII.* when an act of parliament passed, ratifying an exchange between the King, *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, and *Henry* his son Earl of *Arundel* and *Surry*; they giving to the King the manors of *Walton*, *Trimley*, *Falkenham*, with the rectories of *Walton* and *Felixton*, in *Suffolk*, for the castle manor, and chase of *Rysing*, and all its appertenances, with the manors of *Thorpe*, *Gaywood*, *South Walsham*, *Halvergate* and *Ditchingham* in *Norfolk*, *Doningworth*, *Cratfield*, *Hoo*, *Staverton*, and *Bromswell*, in *Suffolk*, to be held of the King in capite, by the 30th part of a knight's fee and the rent of 26*l.* per ann. payable at *St. Michael* into the court of augmentations. *Henry*, the son, Earl of *Arundel*, &c. being attainted in his father's life time, the Duke enjoyed this manor, &c. till his death in the 1st and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, when an act of parliament passed for the restoring of the son of the attainted Earl.

In the accounts of Sir *John Arundel*, Knt. receiver of the dutchy of *Cornwall*, in the reign of *Henry* the Eighth, (as I take it) he had allowances for 40*s.* per ann. paid to Sir *Henry Marny*, Knt. as steward of this lordship; 13*l.* 8*s.* as constable of the castle: 4*l.* 11*s.* 3*d.* as ranger of the chase, and for two under foresters, called walkers, 53*s.* 4*d.* per ann. at this time Sir *Thomas Lovel*, Knight of the Garter, was farmer of the demeans and the warren.

On the attainder of *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, in the 15th of *Elizabeth*, it came again to the Crown, and she granted it to *Edward* Earl of *Oxford*, with the demeans of *Gaywood*; but this grant was soon revoked, and it was granted to *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, brother to the Duke of *Norfolk*, attainted; who held it to his death in 1616, and having no issue it descended to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Arundel*, his heir; which *Thomas* was grandson to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, aforesaid, and brother to the Earl of *Northampton*; and in this family it remained till it was bought by *Thomas Howard*,

<sup>3</sup> A<sup>c</sup>. 22 Ric. 2. p. 1. m. 17.

Esq. (one of the tellers of the Exchequer, son and heir of Sir *Robert Howard*, Knt. auditor of the Exchequer, sixth son to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Berkshire*) of *Henry Duke of Norfolk* in 1693.

After this it came to the Earl of *Berkshire*, as heir to the aforesaid *Thomas Howard*, Esq. the Earl of *Berkshire* dying s. p. it descended to the Earl of *Suffolk*, the present lord.

The Duke of *Norfolk* has the title of Lord *Howard*, of *Castle-Rysing*; *Henry Howard* of *Castle-Rysing*, heir of the said family, being so created by letters patents, *March 27*, in the 21st of King. *Charles II.*

Two members of parliament are chosen by the free burghers, their representatives, therein.

The town takes its name from its site, (*Rye* is the name of a river in *Yorkshire*, &c. and of a borough town in *Sussex*) by a river, on a hill, which affords a fine prospect, overlooking a large arm of the sea, and from *Ing*, a meadow, or marshy ground.

Sir *Henry Spelman*, (who lived at *Congham*, in the neighbourhood of it) says it has been a famous port, but being stopped up with sands, was the cause of its great decay.

The said author observes that it is a burgh of such antiquity that the royal archives and records give no account of it; the site of it such, that he thinks the *Romans* had a place of defence here, some of their coin being found here, and a *Constantine* being brought to him.

That the sea had formerly its course near to, and came up probably to the town, appears in some measure from its being drowned in winter, frequently, on spring tides, the salt water overflowing the banks between this town and *Babingley*, and from the name of a street, that comes up to this town from the low ground, called by the inhabitants at this day, *HAVEN-GATE LANE*, which is very ousy, and in this lane there was some years past, in digging, taken up a piece of an anchor belonging to some ship.

In the 31st of *Elizabeth*, on the 1st of *August*, a survey of this lordship was made by Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Knt. *John Hill*, Esq. one of the auditors of the Exchequer, *Robert Buxton*, Esq. and *Robert Shephard*, Gent. commissioners appointed by that Queen, to survey this manor, part of the lands of *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*, attainted and convicted; who on the oaths of *Henry Mordant*, Gent. *Thomas Winde*, Gent. *Thomas Spratt*, Gent. *Joseph Wright*, Gent. and 15 others, present an affirm, that the town of *Castle Rysing* is an ancient burgh, and hath in it a mayor and burgesses; and many ancient privileges, franchises and liberties have been granted to *Hugh de Albini*, Earl of *Sussex* and *Arundel*, some time lord of the manor, which privileges have been heretofore found by divers inquisitions, viz.

First, it is granted to this said Earl and his heirs, his stewards and tenants from this time, to be quit and free of pannage, tallage, passage, payage, lastage, stallage, portage, pesage and terrage, through the parts of *England*; also that they shall have a mayor, that by them shall be chosen, and be presented to the Earls and his steward.

\* Thus the *Rye-house* in *Hertfordshire*, palustri solo, assurgens nomen inde &c.——*Spelman* says in resto quem ferens, *Rising*. *Icenia*, faciunt angulo *Isis* et *Congus* fluvii e

They shall sell, or give their burgages to whom they will, without any gainsaying.

If a burgess die, the next heir shall enter into burgage without any gainsaying.

The lord shall not have the custody or the heir of a burgager, but his kin, or next cousin by the mother's side.

Their heyres shall marry themselves, wheresoever they like.

If seizure of a burgage be made, it shall be by the bayleifs, and keepers of the market.

They shall take for their debtes, in the town of *Rysing* and without, as far as the warren stretches.

They shall distrain no burgess within his burgage.

If actions, or strife shall happen between burgess and burgess, in the town, or without, the mayor shall have them attached, shall set them a day until the *Monday* next, and before him shall their tales be told and brought,

If their tales happen not to be appeals of felony, or of a deadly wound, or such other as longeth to the Crown.

Also full amercement in court the burgesse that is guilty, and hath trespassed shall make to the mayor, and that shall he present to the steward, or lord's bayleif, and they shall do therein their wills.

If the lord will have any burgess in his service, he shall find him reasonable expences.

They shall not serve to the hundred, or shire, they shall not be put upon assise,

They shall not be distressed by bayleys of the hundred.

They shall not be accused at the view of frank-pledge for answer, but he that trespasses for that pledge shall make amends.

If the son of a burgess shall enter into frank-pledge, that is to say, the lete, he shall not pay, and he shall have free entry into the common pastures of the town.

The burgesses have grant of a fair, or free mart, from the feast of *St. Matthew*, during 15 days, and two markets in the week, *Monday* and *Thursday*.

They shall give no custom in the market of *Rysinge*, of their corn, that comes out of their barns, or any other thing that they buy to their proper use in the said market, and they shall do no suit.

If any burgesse be a merchant, and put any thing to the market of *Rysinge* to sell, he shall give half custom, except bakers, who shall give whole custom to the lord.

Also they shall give no custom, or usage, in the havens of the lord in the marsh.<sup>7</sup>

If any burgess be summoned before the lord, or his steward, his summons shall be made by the mayor, and by none other.

If the lord make his eldest son a knight, or his eldest daughter be married, then the burgesses shall give him reasonable help, else not.

The servants of the lord shall not take the geese, capons, or fish, or flesh, meat or drink, at their wills, without leave, of the burgesses, and without their consent.

Also they shall have all their measures the same as in *Norwich*.

<sup>7</sup> In the Latin charter it is said in the ports of the lord by the marsh, in portibus nostris.

That the warren hath been by the space of 2 or 3 years past greatly surecharged, the warrener being covenanted to leave for his view, 3800 coneyes; he has killed the last year, 17000, and may kill for this year as many or more, his number for view being treble reserved, and by this the castle stock of 600 weathers is utterly overthrown, and the inhabitants and tenants of the towns adjoining, injured, which will be an occasion of impairing her majestie's rent, and the undoing of the inhabitants, &c. and that by the increase of these conies by the warrenner, and their breeding in the castle ditches and banks, the same are decayed, and the walls are already in part, and the rest in danger of overthrowing, that the said banks and ditches are no parcel of the warren, and that the constabulary of the castle is no part of the warren of *Rysing*, and that the burgh, and the closes belonging, &c. are also no part of the warren.

By this presentment it appears that *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Arundel* and *Susser* had a charter for many royal privileges and liberties, with that of a mayor, in this lordship, and this must be in some year between 1233, (the Earl being then a minor) and 1242, in which year he died,

I have seen an old copy, or transcript of a charter, beginning thus.

..... *Rex*, (the name is omitted) *archiepiscopis, episcopis, abbatib; priorib; ducibus, comitib; baronib; militib; justic. vicecom. major. constabular. ballivis, p'positis universis et omnib; fidelib; suis, &c. sciatis qd. nos de gratia nostra speciali, et ex certa scientia, et mero nost. concessimus et confirmavimus, et p. p'sentes concedimus, &c. p. nobis hered. et successor. nostris quantum in nobis est majori et burgensib; burgi nostri de Rysinge, in com. Norff. et success. suis et ballivo nostro, Dominiij Nostri de Rysinge. &c. et tenentib; et inhabitantib; ejusdem Dominiij, &c. omnes libertates, franchias, leges et consuetudines suas quas ipsi, predecessores, et antecessores, sui, &c. tempore nostro aut progenitor. nostror. habuerunt, &c. et ulterius de uberiore gratia nostra dedimus, et p. p'sentes concedimus &c. eidem majori et burgensib; &c.*

The conclusion also of this charter is wanting, but as there are several privileges in this, not mentioned in the presentment above, I shall here insert them, viz.

The return of all writs.

A gaol in the said borough for felons and offenders in its liberties, to be kept by whom the mayor and burgesses shall depute, till delivered to be tried at *Norwich*, by the King's judges.

Cognizance of all pleas, as well real as personal, in the liberties of the said burgh.

A pye-powder court.

Not to be impleaded in any other court or assise, on account of any tenement, lands, or debts, whilst living in the said burgh.

The mayor to be coroner in the said burgh and its liberty, and to take an oath on his admission before the lord's bayliff, also to be clerk of the market.

\* It is probable that this was a charter of confirmation, granted by King Edward III. at the request of his mother Isabel, Queen Dowager, in the 18th of his reign; in the same year it appears, that she obtained a grant of a mayor, &c. for Coventry, of which city she had the

lordship, that this was in Edward the Third's reign, appears from the word *Ducibus* therein, Edward, his son, being the first created Duke in England, Ao. 11 Edward III.

9 By this it plainly appears that the King styles himself lord of this manor.



To have a tumbrell, pillory, assise of bread and beer, wine, and all victuals, &c. scrutiny of all weights, measures, with the punishment of delinquents against the statutes therein.

The burgesses, &c. through the whole kingdom, as well by land, as by water, as well in *London* as without, may buy and sell of and to foreigners, and natives, all manner of merchandise, &c. without hindrance, and as the citizens of *London* do.

No merchant, or any other person, shall hinder or oppose any merchants, or others coming to this burgh by land, or by water, with victuals, or any other things to be sold, or to buy, before they shall arrive here, under the penalty of - - - -

It is here observable, that there was a mayor and burgesses at the time of this grant. The oldest mayor that I have met with is *John Armourer*, in the 17th year of King *Edward III.* A°. 1343.

*John Ward* chose mayor, A°. 21. *Edward III.*

This decayed and superannuated burgh has a mayor, (but no aldermen, at this time,) who is chosen annually, the day before *St. Michael* by the free burghers, or voters, who were about 60 or 70 in number, in 1716, but he is not sworn into his office till the court lete, which is held about *All-Saints* day, and has a mace carried before him to church on *Sundays* by a serjeant, and on other public occasions.

The mayor is obliged to take an oath at the court lete, before he enters on his office, to be administered to him by the steward of the manor, which the new elect in 1662, refused, and had a fine of 40*l.* set upon him then in *December*, at the lete, by the steward, for not complying.

In a petition to the lord of this manor, (*Henry Howard, Esq.*) in the said year, signed by *Robert Buthoer*, mayor, and 24 free burghers, and inhabitants, is this request;

"We do most humbly desire of your honour to be pleased to hold "a court lete yearly, presently after the feast of *St. Michael*, that the "new elect may then be sworn, and have some reasonable allowance "for the time of his office, sufficient to countervail the loss of his time, "not heretofore considered."

There was formerly a burgh court kept, as appears from a large table of fees kept by the mayor, to which there belonged a steward and a jury of 12; which is now laid aside, as is an old custom and punishment of the clog and shackle. No market is now kept, but a mean peddling fair on *May 1*, said to have been anciently for 15 days.

The seal of the corporation, or mayor, is a castle.

By what has been observed, it appears that the publishers of *Britannia Ant. et Nova*, in 6 vols. are mistaken in saying that there is a market kept here, 12 aldermen, that the *Molbrays* were ancient lords of it, &c.

The castle of *Ryning* was built after the grant of the town and lordship by King *William II.* to *William de Albini*, that King's pincerna, or butler, and probably by his son, *William*, the first Earl of *Sussex*, who died in 1176; it stands upon a hill, on the south side of the town, from whence is a fine prospect over land, and an arm of the sea. Great part of the walls of the keep, or inward tower, are still standing, being a Gothick pile, much resembling that of *Norwich*, and little inferior, the walls being about 3 yards thick, consisting chiefly of free-stone, with iron, or car stone, encompassed with a great circular ditch,

and bank of earth, on which stood also a strong stone wall, as appears from the presentment above mentioned in the 31st of *Elizabeth*, when the wall on the said bank is said to be in part, and the rest in danger of being, overthrown by the warrenner's conies. This ditch, now dry, was probably, formerly filled with water; there is but one entrance to it, on the east-side, over a strong stone bridge, about 30 paces long, (with a gate-house thereon,) about 8 or 9 paces broad, and is supported by one arch. The inward part of the castle, or keep, is all in ruins, except one room, where the court leet of this lordship is held; no doubt the apartments here were grand and sumptuous, when Queen *Isabel* here resided, and when the great King *Edward III.* with his Queen and court, were often entertained, and lodged here.\*

On the walls, which are decaying, (having no cover,) were towers, or turrets, which the lords of the manors of *Hunstanton*, *Reydon*, and the *Wottons*, were by their tenures obliged to guard and defend. The compass of the ditch that incloses the whole is above 1080 paces.

It had the privilege of *prisa*, that is, of taking provision in the neighbouring villages, for the maintenance of the garrison, paying for it within 40 days.

Mr. *Millecent* has a print of the ruins of it, and Mr. *Buck* has one, dedicated to the Lady Viscountess *Andover*.

It seems to have been by its site a place of strength and consequence. In the 18th of *Edward II.* September 22, that King sent his precept to the Lord *Montalt*, the lord of it, to have great care and guard of it, on account of the approach of *Mortimer*; as he did at the same time, to the Lord *Bardolf*, of his castle at *Wirmegay*.

*Mortimer*, the great favourite of his Queen, making his escape out of the *Tower of London* in the preceding month, was then with her in *France*, and both preparing to land with an army in *England*, to dethrone this King, which they soon after effected.

Persons famous for their gallantry in military affairs and actions, appear to have been honoured with the constablenesship and government of it.

Queen *Isabel*, Dowager of *England*, gave it (being lady of the manor and castle) to *John de Herlyng*, as appears by her patent.

" *ISABEL*, by the Grace of God, Queen of *England*, Lady of *Ireland*, Countess of *Pontiffe*, &c. to whom these presents shall come, greeting."

" Know ye, that We, for the good and faithful service which our beloved servant *John de Herlyng* hath long since performed to our thrice dear son the king, and likewise to Us, have granted to the said *John*, for the term of his life, the constablenesship and guard of our castle of *Rysing*, and to be surveyor of our chace there, he receiving of Us the said offices during his life, every day 12d. of the profits of our manor there, by the hands of our bayliffe and provost, for the time being, wherefore we command all them whom it shall any wayes concern, that to the said *John*, as to our constable, guardian, and

\* The Parliamentary History says, that King *Edward III.* confined his mother in his 4th year, as a state prisoner, for life, in *Rising Castle*, near *London*, which should be *Lynn*. Vol. i. p. 210.

"surveyor there, they be attending and respondent in the manner as appertains to the said offices. In testimony of which, we have caused these our letters patents to be drawn."

"Given at our castle of *Hertford*, the 6th day of *November*, in the 20th year of the reign of our aforesaid deare son the king."

After this, *Edward*, Prince of *Wales*, confirmed the same in the following manner:

"We, for the affection we beare to the person of the said *John Herlyng*, &c. at his request confirm to him the grant which our said lady and grand mother hath made, &c. and besides, in consideration of the contumelies and hardships, the said *John* hath from day to day in the service of our said lord and father, the king, and being therefore willing for that cause to shew him more especial favour, We doe, and grant, &c. to the said *John*, in case the said castle and manor should come into our hands, by the decease of our said lady and grandmother, &c. the reversion being in Us, the said constablenesship, &c. to hold for the terme of his life, &c."

"In witness whereof, We have caused these our letters to be made patents. Given at *London* under our privy seale, the 21st day of *July*, in the reign of our said lord and father the King of *England*, the 27th, and of *France* the 14th."

King *Edward III.* also approved and ratified the said letters patents; witnesses, the king, at *Westminster*, &c.

The aforesaid *John de Herlyng*, Knt. was a famous soldier, remarkable for his skill in maritime affairs, and had the custody of the sea coasts, about *Bristol*, in 1342: he was lord of *East Herling*, in *Norfolk*.

In the sixth year of King *Henry IV.* *John Wodehouse* occurs constable, who was remarkably famous in the following reign at the battle of *Agincourt* in *France*.

*Ralph Lord Cromwell* was constable in the reign of *Henry VI.* The said King, in his 27th year, granted to *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. the office of constable, keeper of the forest, chace, or warren, then held by *Ralph Lord Cromwell*, on the death of the said lord, or on rendering up his letters patents, or any other way, when they shall be vacant, to him the said *Thomas*, and to his heirs lawfully begotten, to receive the same fees and perquisites, &c. as the said *Ralph* holds; dated at *Canterbury*, the 8th of *September*. This *Thomas* was afterwards made a knight, and married *Margaret*, daughter of Sir *Robert Howard*, and sister of *John*, the first Duke of *Norfolk*, of that family; he is said to have been attainted in the first of *Edward IV.* but was afterwards restored in blood and possessions, in the 14th of that King.<sup>2</sup>

In the 34th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Lord Scales*, had a patent to be governour, or constable, and appointed to reside there for its better safeguard.

In the 1st of *Henry VII.* *John Vere* Earl of *Oxford* was made constable of the castle, steward of the honour of *Rising*, and ranger of the chase for life, who commanded the vanguard in the battle of *Bosworth*, wherein King *Richard III.* was slain.

In the time of King *Henry VIII.* Sir *Henry Marny* Lord *Marny*

<sup>2</sup> Sir *Thomas* was Baron of *Röthware*, the reign of *Edward IV.* in *Ireland*, and Lord Deputy there in

was constable, and had 13*l.* 8*s.* *per ann.* fee allowed him: it is reasonable to suppose, it was at that time in a good state and condition. This Lord *Marny* was one of the chief commanders under *Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk*, on his taking *Montdidier* in *France*, in the 15th of *Henry VIII.*; he had also 40*s.* *per ann.* as steward of this lordship, and 4*l.* 1*s.* 3*d.* *per ann.* as ranger of the chase, and 5*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* for two under foresters, or walkers.

Near to the castle on the south side, stood a chapel for the service of the lord, &c. now in ruins.

The town is remarkable also for an hospital built by *Henry Howard Earl of Northampton*. In the accounts of *Owen Shepherd*, Gent. in the sixth of King *James I.* receiver of the lands, &c. of the said Earl, he accounts for 45*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.* *ob.* paid in that year to *Richard Howell*, junior, Esq. for building this almshouse.

It stands near to the east end of the churchyard, and is a square building, containing 12 rooms or apartments for 12 poor women, and one good room for the governess, with a spacious hall and kitchen, and a decent chapel, which projects from the rest on the east side; the letters patent for the foundation bear date *June 1*, in the 13th year of the aforesaid King.

It is endowed with 100*l.* *per ann.* out of lands lying in *Rising, Roydon, South and North Wotton, and Gaywood*, also with 5*l.* every fifth year from an hospital in *Greenwich*, founded by the said Earl for a stock or fund to repair it.

Their monthly allowance is 8*s.* each, and the governess has 12*s.* but on certain festival days appointed by the founder, *viz. All-Saints, Christmas, New Year's, Epiphany, Purification, St. Matthias*, (which is the founder's birth day,) *Annunciation, Easter-day, Ascension, Whitsunday, Trinity Sunday, St. John Baptist's, and St. Michael's day*, they have an addition of one shilling to the governess, and 8*d.* to every poor woman. Every year each poor woman, (and the governess,) has for their constant apparel a gown of strong cloth, or kersey, of a dark colour, and every seventh year a livery gown, (and a hat,) of blue broad cloth lined with baize, with the founder's badge or cognizance set on the breast, being a lion rampant, argent, embroidered. The governess is allowed two chaldron of coals *per ann.* and the rest one chaldron, each. They are obliged to be regularly and constant at the church of *Rising* on *Sundays*, and at their own chapel every day at 9 in the morning and 3 in the afternoon, by the toll of a bell, where the governess reads prayers; they are also enjoined to use certain prayers (appointed by their founder) morning and evening, in their own apartments, and not to go out without the leave of the governess.

The qualifications required on admission are; They must be of an honest life and conversation, religious, grave and discreet, able to read, if such a one may be had, a single woman, her place to be void upon marriage, to be 56 years of age at least, no common beggar, harlot, scold, drunkard, haunter of taverns, inns, or ale-houses; to lose their places if, after admission, any lands descend to them of the value of 5*l.* *per ann.* or goods to the value of 50*l.* To go to prayers 3 times every day, and to say the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and a prayer ordered by the founder; to go to church morning and evening every *Sunday* and holiday, and *Wednesday* and *Friday*. On being guilty of atheism, heresy, blasphemy, faction in the hospital, injury; or

diagraming the assistants, neglect of duty, or misbehaviour in the performance of duty, to do any thing to the hurt or prejudice of the hospital, is expulsion.

The duty of the governess it to preserve the household stuff of the hospital, to take care of the sick, to cause the gates to be shut morning and evening at due hours ; to deliver out the blue gowns, every *Sunday* and holiday morning, and to receive the same back again at night. To ring the bell every morning and evening for prayers, to shut the gates at prayer time, to look to the reparations of the hospital, that not so much as one stone be missing either in the walls, or upon the hospital, by the space of a month, to keep the piece of ground on the north-west side of the hospital next adjoining to the walls, and to preserve the trees, to keep her garden plot fair and handsome, to reside constantly there, not to lye abroad without license, nor above 7 days (with license) in any one year ; to give security in 20*l.* penalty upon her admission, for the performance of duty, the security to be given to the mayor of *Rising* ; she is also to read prayers appointed in the chapel twice every day, not to permit any stranger to lye in the hospital, to dine and sup with the poor women in the hall on festival days.

The offences of the governess, by the statutes of the foundery are to be certified to the Earl of *Arundel*, or his heir, (who is now the Earl of *Suffolk*) by two of the assistants, and then the Earl to take order therein, by expulsion, or otherwise, as he shall think fit.

If the Earl of *Arundel*, or his next heir, within 60 days after a certificate sent to him of a death or removal, does not appoint a new governess, or poor woman, then the mayor of *Lynn* is to do it.

This noble Earl, who was highly eminent for his learning, and many great endowments and virtues, founded two other hospitals : one at *Greenwich* in *Kent*, for 20 poor men, and a warden ; the other at *Clun*, in *Shropshire*, for 12 poor men and a warden ; he was buried in the chapel of *Dover-castle*, in *Kent*, of which he was governour in 1614, afterwards removed, placed and deposited at the east end of the chapel of his hospital at *Greenwich*, in 1696, together with his monument, by the order of the mercer's company, trustees of the said hospital ; in his epitaph he is styled, — *Inter Nobiles Literatissimus*.

Here was also a famous chase for deer, and a warren belonging to this lordship.

In the 39th of *Elizabeth*, great disputes arose about the bounds, and limits of them, between *Ann* Countess of *Arundel*, widow of *Philip* Earl of *Arundel*, and *William Cobb*, Esq. *Henry Spilman*, &c. and other neighbouring lords of manors, this lordship being part of her jointure ; and in the said year depositions were taken at *Lynn*, on the 26th of *July*, before *Thomas Ferner*, *Richard Stubbs*, *John Willoughby*, and *William Guybon*, Esq.

*John Jeffrey* of *Rysing* castle, labourer, aged 76, then deposed that he had known *Rising* chase and warren 60 years ; that he dwelt in *Wotton* and *Rising* all his life, and boundeth the limits, purlewe, or walks of the chase, thus :

From *Rysinge* to *Bubingley-Mill*, from thence to *Rattleman's Lane*, so to *Hull Lane*, so to *Butler's Cross*, so in a green way leading to *Newton*, so to *Wades-Mill*, so southward down a way leading to *Capp-Mill*, so to *Pedder's Lane*, or waye, so to *Gatton*, so to *Hillington*

bridge, so southward over the moor to *Homeston*, so into *Ruston's Lane*, so to two lanes, the names he remembreth not, so southward to *Bones* bridge, so along the river to *Weyvelinge* house, so along the river to *Bawsey* Dike, so by the old river to *Bawsey* water, and so along the river to *Gaywoode* bridge. And further saith, that so much of the ground as lyeth in the towns of *Rising*, North and South *Wotton*, *Ryfflye*, *Grimston*, *Wyvelingham*, and *Rydon*, are within the limits of the chase, and have been reputed, used, let, &c. as parcel of the said chase. He saith also that the bounds and limits of the said warren extend from *Rydon*, to *Hall-Hill*, and so near to *Rydon* church, and thence down a waye to *Hillington Causey*, thence to *Querne Hill*, and so to *Wardyke*; and he saith that the keepers, &c. have at their wills, used to chase and rechase the deer, within the said limits; that in the 9 acres, there were burrowing a 1000 conies and diverse falls; that the warreners have at their wills, until now of late, quietly and peaceably hunted, hayed, ferited, digged, killed, and carried away all such conies as bred and burrowed upon the 9 acres, *Congham Lyings* and *Moor*, and that the warreners always paid tithe conies thereon to the parsons of *Congham*, and he never heard any farm conies to *Mr. Spilman*, or any other for the nine acres and *Congham Lyings*: he saith *Mr. Waller's* grounds begin at *King's Thorn*, where sometime was great store of conies, and so southward to the said pitts, so to *Hall-Hill*, so to the hangings of *Goldworthy Hill*, unto the south side thereof, and never knew it ploughed but by *Mrs. Waller*: he knoweth the grounds in *Mrs. Waller's* occupation in *Rydon*, extending to *Shepherd's Hill*, with all *Rydon Lyngs* and so to *Skegny Fen*, and thence to *Rydon Shrubbs*, and so to *Eleven Herne*, called *Rydon-Common*; and saith in both these places last bounded in *Rydon*, the warreners used like liberty as before in *Congham* 9 acres and *Lyngs*; and paid tithe conies to the parson of *Rydon*; that in *Wyveling* grounds used the like liberty, as in any other part of the warren, without any interruption, until now of late years: he deposeth the same of *South Wotton* grounds, and of *Great Cromer's Close*, and *Little Cromer's Close*, both which lye in *Rising*.

The temporalities of *Flitcham* priory were 2s.; of *Pentney* priory 1d.; of *Buckenham* 4d.

The tenths of the town were 6l.—Deducted, 6s. 8d.

The CHURCH of *Rising* is an ancient pile built in a conventual manner, with a tower between the body of it and the chancel, which last is now in ruins, the walls only of part of it being standing; also a south cross isle joining to the tower, which is entirely in ruins: the west end is adorned with antique carving and small arches, in the tower are 3 bells, but one is split, the roof of the church is flat, covered with lead, long but narrow, and is dedicated to St. *Laurence*.

There are no inscriptions in the church.

In the porch was a grave-stone, with part of an inscription, viz. *Isabella Regina*, in memory no doubt of some of that Queen's servants, or retinue, which induced some persons to fancy that she herself was here buried.

The church was taxed formerly at 10 marks and a half, now at 8l. in the King's books, and is discharged of first fruits, &c.

It pays no procurations, only synodals; being exempt from all

episcopal jurisdiction, and archidiaconal, except induction by the archdeacon of *Norwich*, and the patronage is in the lord of the manor. The rector has the probate of wills, not as rector, but as commissary, nominated by the lord of the manor, derived, as it is said, from a *Norman* custom, rather claimed, by the lord, in right of his castle, &c.

Here was the gild of *Corpus Christi*.

## RECTORS.

In 1302, *John de Cockermuth* was instituted rector, presented by Sir *Robert de Monthalt*.

1309, *John de Heydone*. Ditto.

1318, *Reginald de Thorp*. Ditto.

1349, *Hugh de Trykingham*, by *Isabell* Queen of *England*.

1350, *Robert de Congham*. Ditto.

1355, *William Rouse*. Ditto.

1361, *John de Rougham*, by *Edward* Prince of *Wales*.

1377, *John de Stalham*, by *Richard*, King of *England*.

1381, *John Brune*, by the King, on account of the Duke of *Montford's* lands.

1385, *John Smelt*, by the *locum tenens* of the Duke of *Britain*.

1389, *William de Fryseby*. Ditto.

1393, *John Symond*. Ditto.

1398, *Richard Hopton*, by the Duke of *York*.

1416, *John Ellyswick*, by the King.

1419, *Arnold Ymbrede*. Ditto.

1427, *William Gameleston*. Ditto.

1427, *Richard Trever*. Ditto.

1443, *John Chapman*. Ditto.

1448, *Robert Ferriby*. Ditto.

1462, *William Hamond*. Ditto.

1476, *Richard Craneworth*, by *Edward* Prince of *Wales*.

1487, *William Dikkys*. Ditto.

1491, *William Carter*, by *Arthur* Prince of *Wales*.

1506, *John Toche*, by the King.

1509, *Richard Ball*. Ditto.

1530, *John Lane*. Ditto.

1545, *Thomas Chanon*, by the Duke of *Norfolk*.

1550, *Richard Hammisley*, by the King.

1560, *William Goshawke*, by *Thomas Stainings*, Esq. and *Frances* Countess of *Surrey*.

1568, *Thomas Fairfax*, by *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*.

*William Davy*, rector.

1575, *Robert Gray*, by *William Dyx*, and *William Cantrell*.

*William Grimshaw* occurs rector 1606.

*Hamond Baldwin* in 1640.

*Calvert* occurs in 1662.

1664, *Samuel Slipper*, by *Henry Howard*.

1665, *Thomas Lawson*. Ditto.

1676, *Matthew Bolton*, A.M. by *H. Howard*, Baron of *Rising*.

1684. *Matt. Bolton*, by *Simon Fox*, Esq. &c.

1707, *Elisha Smith*, A.M. by *William Fielding*, Esq. and the Lady *Diana*, his wife.

1740, *Henry Loftus*, by *William Lord Viscount Andover*.

1754, *John Newton*, by the Lord Viscount *Andover*.

1755, *Phil. Pyle*, by the Lord *Andover*.

## REYDON, OR RYDON,

**W**AS in King *Edward's* time a berwite, or berwick, appertaining, or belonging to *Stigand* the Archbishop of *Canterbury's* great or capital lordship of *Snetesham*, consisting of one socman, 25 borderers, and 2 servi, who held one carucate of land, 6 acres of meadow, with one carucate in demean, and a half one amongst the the tenants, 2 salt pits, or salt works, and 8 socmen had 2 carucates of land and 16 acres 5 borderers, also 2 carucates, and one salt pit, and the moiety of another, all which were valued together with *Snetesham*, and held by *Stigand* as a lay fee.\*

*Stigand* being dispossessed by the Conqueror, it was given by him to his brother *Odo* Bishop of *Baieur*, in *France*, and Earl of *Kent*, who was lord of it at the grand survey.

It takes its name from *Rye*, or *Rei*, of which see in *Rysing*, and *Don*, or *Dun*, a hill. *Odo* taking part with *Robert* Duke of *Normandy*, the Conqueror's eldest son, against King *William I.* was deprived of this, and all his estates in *England*, and then granted by him to *William de Albini*, pincerna regis,<sup>3</sup> or the King's grand butler, ancestor to the Earls of *Albini* and *Sussex*, in which family it continued till the death of *Hugh de Albini* Earl of *Sussex*, &c. who dying without issue in the 27th year of King *Henry III.* and his estate being divided amongst his sisters and coheirs, this lordship came, together with the honour, or manor, of *Rysing-castle*, to *Roger de Monte Alto*, or *Montault*, by the marriage of *Cecily*, fourth sister and coheir of the said *Hugh*; and at the same time the patronage of the rectory was on the said division granted to *Robert*, Lord *Tateshale*, who married *Mabel*, the eldest sister and coheir, as his part of the advowsons belonging to the said inheritance, after the decease of *Isabel*, widow of the aforesaid Earl *Hugh*, who held it in dower.

In the 12th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied of customs and services, to be done for lands in this town and *Congham*, between *Emme*, daughter of *Robert de Bintre*, and *Robert* her son, querents, and *Alan*, son of *Jeffrey de Rydon*, and *William*, son of *Humphrey*; and in the 20th of *Edward III.* the heirs of *William de Blakeney*, &c. were found to hold the fourth part of a fee, in *Reydon*, which *Robert Rydon* for-

\* Terr. Epi. Baiocensis. Huic manerio, (viz. Snetesham) jacet in Reiduna, i soc. i car. tre. semp. xxv bord. et xi ser. et vi ac. pti. et i car. in dnio. et

dim. car. hom. et ii sal. et viii soc. ii car. tre. et xvi ac. et. v bord. et ii car. et i sal. et dim.

<sup>3</sup> See in *Rising*.



merly held, belonging to the Earl of *Arundel*, which was afterwards in the hands of *Edmund Belzeter*, *William Rising*, and their parceners, in the 3d of *Henry IV*.

But the chief tenure was, about the end of *Edward II.* and in the beginning of *Edward the Third's* reign, in the family of *Wodehouse*, if not before.

*Sir Richard de Wodehouse*, son of *Sir William*, lived in the reign of *Edward III.* and was lord of *Rydon*, and by virtue of this lordship, &c. held of the castle of *Rising*, was obliged to repair and maintain a tower of that castle called *Wodehouse's* tower, and paid a sum of money yearly for the castle guard, and as I presume lived here.

*John Wodehouse*, Esq. of the body to King *Henry V.* famous for his gallant behaviour at the battle of *Agincourt*, had his residence here, and was constable of the castle of *Rising*.

It appears from a MS. of *William de Worcester*, alias *Boltoner*,\* who lived in the reigns of *Henry VI.* and *Edward IV.* that he was in the retinue and family of *Sir John Fastolfe*, Knt. of the Garter, (his herald, and one of his executors,) that this *John Wodehouse* built here a large and most royal and beautiful manor-house, called the *Rcy*, on the river hereby, which cost him above 2000 marks sterling, with stately offices, &c. about a mile from *Rising*, in which he died in 1430; and that this noble edifice was entirely destroyed, and pulled down to the ground, by the advice and assistance of *Thomas Lord Scales*, about *September 21*, 1454. by the consent of the heir of the founder, and his particular friend; the reason assigned is, that *Thomas Danyel*, Esq. of *Lauchshire*, late sheriff of *Norfolk*, by the assistance and power of *John (Mowbray)* Duke of *Norfolk*, on account of his marrying a kinswoman of the said Duke, pretending a right and title to the said lordship, falsely asserting that *Wodehouse*, the heir to his father,<sup>†</sup> (the founder) had given it to him. On this pretence he several times entered the same by force, and a great army of the Duke. And this the Lord *Scales* did out of a good intention, though much to the loss and damage of *Wodehouse's* heir.

Upon this I presume the said *Thomas Daniel* became lord, and was also constable of *Rising* castle, &c. but on the accession of *Edward IV.* the said *Thomas* is said to have been attainted, and it was then most likely granted to *Anthony Woodville*, who was created Lord *Scales*, having married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Lord Scales*; above-mentioned; on the death of this lady, in the 13th of *Edward IV.* it was found that she held this manor of *Rydon*; and *Anthony Lord Scales*, &c. in her right presented to this rectory in 1473, and 1479.

On the death of *Anthony Lord Scales* and Earl *Rivers*, it probably came again into the *Wodehouse* family, in 1552, and 1561, *Margaret*, widow of *Thomas Wodehouse*, Esq. eldest son of *Sir Roger Wodehouse*, (who died in 1547, before his father,) being jointured herein, presented to the church, and *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. was lord in the 36th of *Henry VIII.*

\* *Itinerarium, sive Liber Memorabilium Willm. Worcester*, p. 131.

† This heir was Henry Wodehouse, Esq. who died in 1450, without issue, and his estate descended to his brother,

*John Wodehouse*, Esq. *Thomas Daniel*, Esq. married *Margaret*, daughter of *Sir Robert Howard*, by *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Thomas-Mowbray Duke of Norfolk*.

Soon after this it was possessed by *Ralph Waller, Esq.* who presented to the church in 1564, and 1572, afterwards *Richard Hovell, Esq.* was lord of it. In the 2d year of King *James I.* the receiver of *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, accounted for 1100*l.* paid to *Richard Hovell, Esq.* for the purchase of the manor of *Rydon*, and in the next year a fine was levied thereof, and of lands bought there of *Thomas Foster*, and *Edward Callow, &c.*

The said Earl, by deed dated *April 13*, in the 8th of King *James*, granted to *Owen Shepherd*, the next presentation of this church, to which is his seal of arms, four coats, viz. *Howard, Brotherton, Warren*, and *Mowbray*, within the garter; and died possessed of it in 1616, and then came to *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Arundel*, his heir, and afterwards to the *Howards*, Earls of *Berkshire*, and to the present lord, the Earl of *Suffolk*, as in *Rysing*.

It was taxed for tenths, &c. with *Congham*, at 5*l.* 3*s.*

I have seen a brass coin of Queen *Isabel*, mother of King *Edward III.* when she resided here, and held this lordship in *capite*, somewhat larger than our present shilling; on it these arms—quarterly, an antique ship (as in that age) in the sea, or water; the old arms of this borough, (though the modern arms are represented to be a castle triple-towered) the legend obscure.

The reverse, in a lozenge, the arms of that Queen, as a widow; four flower-de-lis of *France*; at that time the Kings of *France* bore semy-de-lis; and on King *Edward* the Third's claim to that crown, he assumed, and quartered the same; the legend is obscure, but, *R.A.* is plainly to be seen, for *Regina*, as I take it.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory, the ancient valor was 6 marks and an half, and paid *Peter-pence* 4*d.*

The present valor is 5*l.* and is discharged of first-fruits and tenths, and exempted from all episcopal and archidiaconal visitations, except induction, and the rector has a probate of all wills in this parish.

The priory of *Eye* had a portion of tithe valued at 26*s.* 8*d.* per ann.

## RECTORS.

*Thomas de Holm.*

1308, *John*, son of *John Alunday*, by the King, on account of the lands of *Robert de Tateshall*.

1322, *Gregory de Knapeton*, by Sir *Robert de Ufford*, in right of *Margery*, his wife: she was relict of Sir *Thomas de Cailly*.

1326, *Alan de Wacton*, by ditto.

1349, *Walter Kolvil*, by Sir *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*.

1350 *John Hamond*. Ditto.

1350, *Walter Colvyll*. Ditto.

1400, *Peter Lewrich*, by *Margaret*, wife of *Constant. de Clyfton*.

1404, *John Chalener*. Ditto.

*Robert Samburn.*

1418, *John You*, (exchange for *Kirkstede*) ditto.

1431, *Thomas Dobbes*, by Lady *Margaret Clyfton*.

<sup>6</sup> Britannia Antiqua et Nova, vol. iii. p. 458.

- 1450, *Robert Wodemanston*, by the Bishop, a lapse.  
 1453, *Frater Thomas Goring*, a Franciscan, by *Thomas Lord de Scales*.  
 1473, *Frater John Lindsey*, a Carmelite, by *Anthony Lord Rivers and Scales*, prior of that convent at *Lynn*.  
 1479, *Robert Cooper*, by *Anthony de Wodeville Earl Ryvers*.  
 1511, *Thomas Seyll*.  
 1552, *Robert Person*, by *Margaret Woodhouse*, widow.  
 1556, *Roger Bincks*, by *Margaret Woodhouse*, relict of *Thomas Woodhouse*, Esq.  
     *Thomas Leman*.  
 1561, *Leonard Howlet*, LL.B. by *Margaret Woodhouse*.  
 1564, *Cuthbert Hyndmer*, by *Ralph Waller*, Gent.  
 1572, *William Rysley*, by *Ralph Waller*, Esq.  
     *Thomas Ringwood*.  
 1664, *Samuel Slipper*, by *Henry Howard*.  
 1665, *Thomas Lawson*, Ditto, united to *Castle Rising*.  
 1676, *Matthew Boulton*, A.M. by *Henry Howard*, Baron of *Rising*.  
 1682, *Matthew Boulton*, A. M. by *Sim. Fox*, Esq. *Newson*, *Fox*, and *Cuthbert Brown*, clerk.  
 1707, *Elisha Smith*, A. M. by *William Fielding*, Esq. and the lady *Diana*, his wife, rector of *Tydd St. Gyles*, in the *Isle of Ely*, and published 2 volumes of sermons in 1740, and a treatise "the Cure of *Deism*."  
 1740, *Henry Loftus*, by *William Howard* Lord Viscount *Andover*.  
 1754, *John Newton*, by the Lord Viscount *Andover*.  
 1755, *Philip Pyle*. Ditto.

## NORTH RUGHTON.

THIS town takes its name from its site, as surrounded with water: *Turchetel* was lord of it in the Confessor's time, a freeman, and had 2 carucates of land, 11 villans, 7 borderers, and 2 servi, with 30 acres of meadow; there were 2 carucates in demean, and one amongst the tenants, one mill, and the moiety of another, 4 salt pits, and the third part of another, &c. a church endowed with 30 acres; 13 socmen belonged to this manor, with 37 acres and a carucate.<sup>7</sup>

It was always valued at 6*l.* 4*s.* per ann. the whole was one leuca long and broad, and paid 12*d.* of a 20*s.* gelt, and *East Winch* was

<sup>7</sup> Terre Hermeri.—In Rynghetuna ii. car. terre ten. Turchetel lib. ho T.R.E. semp. xi vill. et vii bord. et ii serv. xxx ac. pti. semp. ii car. in dominio et i car. hom. et i molin. et dim. silva. de xx porc. et iii sal. et q'ntæ tertia pars sep. i runc. et iii an. et xxvii porc. c. ov's

i ecclia. xxx ac. huic man. jacent xiii soc. xxxvii ac. semp. i car. semp. i car. semp. val. vi. lib. et iii sol. tota ht. i lg. in longo et in lato, et reddidit xiiid. de xx sol. de gelto Regis, et in eade' mensura et Eswinic.

measured with it, (that is the part which *Hesmerus* held there) and the Conqueror gave it to *Hermerus de Ferrarijs*, who was lord at the survey.

The descendants of this *Hermerus* assumed the name of *Wirmegay*, which town was his chief seat and residence: *Richard de Wirmegay* was father of *William de Wirmegay*, who lived in the reign of *Henry II.* was Baron of *Wirmegay*, and held 14 knights fees belonging to it, &c.

*Reginald de Warren*, second son to *William*, the 2d Earl *Warren* and *Surry*, married *Alice*, daughter and heir of the said *William de Wirmegay*, and had by her *William de Warren*, who lived in the reign of King *Richard I.* and dying in the 11th of King *John*, left *Beatrix* his daughter and heir, then the widow of *Dodo Bardolf*, son of *Thomas de Bardolf*; by *Dodo*, she had *William Bardolf*, Lord *Bardolf*, who in the 27th of *Henry III.* had that honour and barony delivered to him, together with this town, as a part, or member of it.

In this family it continued till the death of *Thomas Lord Bardolf*, who was beheaded and attainted, being in rebellion against King *Henry IV.* and that King granted it to his brother, *Thomas Beaufort Duke of Exeter*.

It came afterwards to Sir *William Phelps Lord Bardolf*, so to *John Viscount Beaumont*, and on the death of *William Viscount Beaumont*, and his lady, this manor and honour of *Wirmegay* fell to the Crown, as in *Wirmegay*, and so continued for some years.

In the 1st of King *Edward VI.* *Christopher Coningsby*, Esq. of *Wallington*<sup>a</sup> was found to die seized of it, and left it to his three daughters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, *Ann*, and *Amy*. *Francis Gawdy*, Esq. by the marriage of *Elizabeth*, the eldest, had a third part of the same *Thomas Clark*, Esq. of *Hampshire*, who married *Amy*, and *Alexander Balam*, Esq. who married *Ann*, held the other two parts in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, which were purchased by the said *Gawdy*, afterwards a knight, and lord chief justice of the Common Pleas. At his death in or about 1605, it came to his daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, who by Sir *William Hatton*, alias *Newport*, had a daughter and heir, *Frances*, married to *Robert Rich* Earl of *Warwick*, lord of this town in her right, and was sold by him on the 1st of *June*, in the 12th year of King *James I.* to *George Cremer*, alias *Skryme*; which *George* was third son of *John Cremer* of *Snetesham*, in *Norfolk*, by *Ann*, daughter of ——— *Tash*: *George* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Adam Williamson*, of *Keswicke* in *Cumberland*, and had Sir *John Cremer*, Knt. his eldest son, and *Edmund Cremer*, his 2d son; Sir *John* married *Sarah*, daughter of Sir *Edward Filmer* of *East Sutton*, in *Kent*, by whom he had a son and 3 daughters, who all died young, *Edmund* the second son lived at *Westwinch*, and married *Anne*, daughter of *Richard Tryce*, of *Godmanchester* in *Huntingtonshire*, and left *Anne*, his daughter and heir, who being married to *William Lord Fitz Williams*, of *Lefford*, in *Ireland*, in 1694, was living with this lady his wife; at *Milton* in *Northamptonshire*, and in this family it now remains.

Sir *William de Rungeton* was high sheriff of *Norfolk*, in the 16th of *Edward II.* and sealed with 2, 2, and 1 escallops, or flowers-de-lis.

<sup>a</sup> See of this family in *Wallington*.

Another lordship in this town was held at the survey, by *William de Scohies*, and by *Turchill*, in the Confessor's time; it consisted of one carucate of land held by 2 borderers, and 20 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongst the tenants; 7 socmen belonged to it, in King *Edward's* time, who held then 60 acres, and 2 carucates; at the survey they held but one carucate and 8 acres of meadow, valued at *3l. per ann.*

Soon after the conquest this seems to be possessed by *William Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*, and by the marriage of the daughter and heir of that family it came to the Earls of *Clare*,

To this town the hamlets of *Seche Magna*, and *Hardwick* belong.

## SECHEY MAGNA,

AND

## HARDWICK,

**A**RE two hamlets belonging to *North Runcton*: *Setche Magna* is on the great road from *London* to *Lynn*, on a navigable river, called (higher up) the *Nar*; but in an old record, I find the river here called the *Eye*, and so probably takes its name, as set on that river, over which there is here a bridge.

It was part of the Lord *Bardolf's* manor of *Runcton*, and that lord had a charter of free-warren at *Magna Seche*, *A.* 33 of *Henry III.* with a weekly mercate on *Monday*, and 2 fairs in the year. From those lords it past as above, and was part of the Earl of *Warwick's* manor of *Runcton*, who in the reign of King *James I.* had the grant of a weekly mercate here every fortnight, on *Tuesday*, for fat cattle, and butchers from *Norwich*, and all parts of this country resort to it.

*Jeffrey Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex* gave all his lands in *North Runcton*, *Sudlebow* and *Sechey*, held of the Earl of *Clare*, to the priory of *Shouldham*, and in the 8th of *Richard II.* *Thomas de Warblington* held one fee in *Seche*, *South Lynn*, *Hardwick*, and *West Winch*, of the honour of *Clare*.

In the 12th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Ralph de Normarvill*, and *Alice* his wife, petents, and *Henry de Havill*, tenant, of the third part of *8l. rent per ann.* in *Hardwick*, *Runcton*, *Sechith* and *Lenne*, as the dower of *Alice*, from *Ralph de Gernemuth*, her late husband; and in the 52d of the said King, two fines were levied between *Nicholas Durant*, and *Simon*, vicar of *Midleton*, of a messuage and

\* Terr. Willi. de Scohies — Rungetuna, tenuit Turchill. T.R.E. p. man. et p. i car. tre. mo. W. in dno sep. ii bor. xx ac. pti. i car. in dno. dim. car.

hom. huic maner. jac. vii. soc. T. R. E. de LX ac. tc. ii car. mo. i viii ac. pti. totu. val. LX sol.

30 acres of land in *South Lenn, Hardwick, West Wehiz*, and of 6 messuages, 53 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and 45s. 8d. rent in *Hardwick, Rungton, &c.* granted to *Nicholas*.

Barges came with coals, &c. up here, on the rive *Eye*, lately made navigable to *Narburgh, &c.*

These two hamlets had their chapels, and they were both standing in 1528.

The tenths of *North Rungton*, with its hamlets, were 12*l.* per ann. and 2*l.* 12s. were deducted, for the lands of the religious therein.

The CHURCH of *North Rungton*, is dedicated to *All-Saints*, was valued at 15 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 7*d.* the present valor is 8*l.* 10s. and pays first fruits, &c. in 1701, *August* 15, the old church was destroyed by the fall of the tower upon it, and about 1710, rebuilt, the following gentlemen, &c. being the principal benefactors to it.

*William Lord Fitz Williams*, gave 100*l.*—*Rowland Okeover, Esq.* 50*l.*—*Trinity College, Cambridge*, 20*l.*—*Sir Ralph Hare, Bart.* 10*l.*—*Sir John Turner*, 2*l.*—*Robert Walpole, Esq.* 5*l.*—*John Turner, Esq.* 5*l.* 13s. 4*d.*—*Henry Bell*, 15*l.*—*Henry Towers*, 17*l.*—*Charles Wright*, rector, 20*l.*—*William Adamson*, clerk, 5*l.*—*James Everard*, clerk, 5*l.*

Near the communion table on a gravestone,

*Nathaniel Rolle, M. D. e socijs sen. Coll. Trin. Cantab. in sacros ordines atq. hujus ecclesiæ rectorium suffectus, donatus est* 14, Octob. 1669. anno *Ætat.* 49.

*Georgius Atwell. Cantab. de studio et praxi mathematicis non ignobilis, obi.* 14 Sept. 1658, *Ann. Ætat.* 82.—*Quibus istius filia, illius conjug Constantia Rolle, hoc commune monumentum mærens posuit;* and a long *Latin* epitaph, for the said *Constantia*, who died *June* 17, 1689.

Also a gravestone

*In memory of Osbert Hopes, clerk, who died November* 20, 1652, *aged* 70.

In the body of church, on one

*Sarah, Joh. Cremer, Militis, ac hujusce parochiæ Dni. conjux, amantissima, piissima, beatæ resurrectionis spe plena, amatq. expectatq. hic diem, conjux conjugi liberos 4 tulit, restituit tamen post paucos dies Deo qui dedit eripuitque, pignus matris; in calo matrona tandem plusquam quinquagesimaria excessit vitâ, Oct. 28. — Reparatoq; salutis anno, 1667.*

On another, with the arms of *Cremer*, argent, three wolves heads erased, *sable*, on a chief, *gules*, as many cinquefoils, or.

*Spe resurgendi hic jacent Geor. Cremer de Seche, Gen. Dominus hujus parochiæ, et Elizab. uxor ejus, cui peperit 5 filios, et 7 filias: illa obiit 9 Apr. 1624, ille vero ob. 23, Aug. 1656, ætat. suæ 80, in cujus memoriam, Joh. Cremer, filius primogenitus nunc solus superstes H. M. P.*

## RECTORS.

*Adam* ———, rector, occurs in the 22d of Edward I.

1307, *John de Gouthorp*, by *Thomas Bardolf*, with the chapels of *Sechize*, and *Herdewyk*.

1316, *Mr. Martin de Middleton*, by *Sir Thomas Bardolf*.

1318, *Nicholas Cannard*. Ditto.

1321, *Nicholas Noteman*, ditto, lord of *Wirmegey*.

1326, *Oliver de Wachesham*. Ditto.

1331, *Thomas Miriel*, (exchange for *Stanstede*), by the King, in the minority of the heir of *Thomas Bardolf*.

1339, *Richard Attehaw*, by *Sir John Bardolf*, lord of *Wirmegey*.

1373, *Ralph de Gosfeld*, by the attorney-general of *William Lord Bardolf*.

1388, *Gregory Bolour*, (exchanged for *Congham*, *St. Andrew*), by the King.

1402, *Thomas Mayster*, (exchanged for *Whelnetham Magna*, in *Suffolk*), by *Agnes Lady Bardolf*.

1402 *John Dows*, (exchanged for *Stoke*, by *Eye*), by *Thomas Lord Bardolf*.

1406, *John Cartere*, (exchange for *Cantele*), by *Thomas Beauford*, lord of *Wirmegey*.

1407, *John Multon*. Ditto.

1415, *John son of Richard de Derham*, by *Thomas Earl of Dorset*.

1419, *Nicholas Martyn*, (exchanged for *Wrabnase*, in *Lincoln dioc.*) by *Thomas Duke of Exeter*.

1423, *Thomas Bardevyle*. Ditto.

1442 *Edmund Gedney*, by *Joan Lady Bardolf*

1445, *Alan Loller*. Ditto.

1456, *Richard Skynner*, by *John Viscount Beaumont*.

1457, *John Conyngesholm*. Ditto.

1475, *John Ward*, by the feoffees of *Joan Beaumont*, daughter of *Humphrey Duke of Buckingham*.

1486, *Henry Davyson*, by the prior and convent of *Pentney*.

1493, *John Cooke*, by *Henry de Veer Earl of Oxon*, guardian to *William Viscount Beaumont*.

1496, *Richard Harper*. Ditto.

1504, *Robert Walker*. Ditto.

1506, *William Graunge*. Ditto.

1563, *William Cotes*, by *Francis Gawdy, Esq.* and *Elizabeth his wife*.

*Arthur Hunne*.

1592, *Thomas Hopes*, by *Francis Gawdy*, one of the Queen's judges.

1616, *Osbert Hopes*, by *Cuthbert Norris, S. T. P.* and *Richard Hopes*.

1651, *Nathaniel Rowles, M. D.* by the master and fellows of *Trinity college*, in *Cambridge*.

1669, *Charles Wright, D.D.* Ditto.

1711, *Griffith Williams*. Ditto.

1718, *Edward Rudd, D. D.* Ditto.

1727, *John Williams*. Ditto.

1738, *John Bellman*, by the master and fellows, &c.

1756, *John White*, on *Bellman's* death, the present rector: *Ditto*.

The temporalities of *Wirmegeye* priory were 25s. 11d.

The prior of *Pentney* had 25s. 11d. rent in *North Runhton*.

On the 24th of *May*, in the 7th of *James I.* *Francis Morrice* and *Franc. Phelps*, had a grant of *Notley* tithe, in this parish. *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks* gave two parts of the tithes of his demean here, to that abbey, which was confirmed by *William Turbus* Bishop of *Norwich*. *Thomas Hopes*, rector of this church, by his will, dated *March 3*, 1615, gave to his brother, *Richard Hopes*, and *Cuthbert Norris*, D. D. his uncle, an acre of land near the churchyard, having divers buildings on it, viz. two capital messuages, a barn, and also a portion of tithes, called *Notley* tithes, with the advowson of the church of *North Runhton*, to the intent that they should convey them to *Trinity college, Cambridge*, of which he had been formerly a member. The college to present the brother, or kindred of *Hopes*: the rector to have the acre, with the buildings on it, for a parsonage-house, keeping it in repair, and the *Notley* tithes; paying a fee farm rent of 40s. per ann. and 11l. 12s. per ann. viz. 3l. 8s. 8d. to the vice master of *Trinity college*, towards the maintenance of a poor scholar, to enjoy it 5 years after his admission, to be chosen by the vice master, and mayor of *Lynn*, out of *Lynn* free-school;—3l. 8s. 8d. to the church-wardens and overseers of *North Runhton*;—3l. 8s. 8d. to the church-wardens and overseers of *Geyton*;—6s. to *Midleton* poor;—10s. to *East Winch*;—3s. 4d. to *East Walton*;—3s. 4d. to *Dudlington*, and 3s. 4d. to *Colveston* poor, to be given to them who come to church, and in groats; and if the officers do not distribute it, the parish to lose their share for next year, and then to be paid to the chamberlain of *Lyn*, for the prisoners there.

*Notley*, tithe abovementioned, was the tithe of two parts of the demean land of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, in this town and in *Midleton*, given by him to *Notley* abbey in *Bucks*, founded by him.

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## SANDRINGHAM.

CALLLED *Sant-Dersingham*, in the book of *Domesday*, from *sand* and *Dersingham*, of which see under that town.

A freeman in the Confessor's time enjoyed it under *Herold*, afterwards King of *England*, but being ejected at the Conquest, it was bestowed on *Robert Fitz Corbon*, or *Corbution*, who held the lordship of *Saxlingham*, and *Stokes*, in the hundred of *Hensted*;—*Rushale* and *Sterston*, in that of *Earsham*;—*Lothna*, (*Loddon*) *Golosa*, (*Gelsdon*) *Mundham* and *Brome*, in the hundred of *Lothpingga*, (*Clavering* hundred)—*Berningham*, in *South Erpingham*.—*Shelton*, *Sterston*, *Stratton* and *Fretton*, in *Depwade*, hundred;—*Hadscó* and *Surpestuna* (*Yelberton*) in *Clavering* hundred.



*Ralph* held it under *Robert*: it consisted of 5 borderers, who held then a carucate, but at the survey there were neither borderers, nor a carucate; one servus then, and 3 acres and an half of meadow, and one carucate amongst the tenants, with a salt-pit, and was valued at 20s.<sup>1</sup>

## WOOD-HALL.

*William Fitz Corbun*, or *Curcon*, whose son, *Ralph Curzun*, was lord of a manor in *Stoke Holy Cross* in the reign of King *Henry II.* was descended from *Robert* aforesaid, and also lords here; and by one of them was conveyed to *Simon de Whatefield*, from whom it came to *Reginald de Wode* and *Alice* his wife, who were lords in 1265, when he impleaded several persons for carrying away his goods from *Sandringham*, &c. and in the 14th of *Edward I.* *Thomas de Wyklewode* and *Mary* his wife, *William*, son of *Geff. de Rugham*, and *Alice*, his wife, sued *Reginald* for a messuage and 50 acres of land, with the appertinances in this town; this was purchased of them by *Reginald*, and conveyed by fine to him in the said year. Soon after this the abbot of *St. Bennet*, at *Holm*, had an interest in it; in 1296, *Sir Richard de la Rokele* had license from King *Edward I.* to exchange his manor of *Greensvill*, or *Gresville* in *Stoke Holy Cross*, for this of *Woodhall*.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* *Roger de Sandringham*, and *Alice*, late wife of *John Rivet*, were found to hold the fourth part of a fee in this town, which *Peter*, son of *Robert*, and *Jeffrey Clerk* formerly held: it came not long after into the family of the *Cobbs*, by the marriage of the daughter and heiress of *Rivet*. In the first year of King *Richard III.* November 4, *Jeffrey Cobbe de Sandringham* was bound in a bond for money to *William Berdwell*, Esq. and in the 2d of *Henry IV.* *John Cobbe*, son and heir of *Jeffrey Cobbe*, and of *Alianora* his wife, released to *William Staundon*, of *Wympole* in *Cambridgeshire*, and his heirs, all his right in the manor of *Wympole*, called *Franceys*. *William Cobbe*, of *Sandringham*, is mentioned in deeds of land, dated in the 8th and 13th of *Edward IV.* and is said to have married a daughter of ——— *Briston*, of *Norfolk*.<sup>2</sup>

On the 1st of *July* in the 8th of *Henry VII.* *William Cobbe*, of *Sandringham*, by his will then dated, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *St. Mary Magdalen*, of *Sandringham*, by *Elizabeth* his wife;<sup>3</sup> appoints *Geffrey* his son and heir, *Symon Batchcroft*, and *Thomas Walpole*, his executors: mentions *William* and *Thomas*, his younger sons, and *Agnes* his second wife, (who survived him) and *Ralph Geyton*, his father in law, and gives this manor with those of *Babingley* and *Wolverton*, to *Jeff.* his son. *Thomas Walpole*, of *Lynn Bishop's*, Esq. in his will dated 1512, calls this *Jeffrey*, his brother in law, having married his sister, ——— *Walpole*.

*William Cobbe*, (son of *Jeffrey*) married *Dorothy*, daughter of *Sir John Spelman* of *Narburgh*, and was father of *Jeffrey*, who had livery

<sup>1</sup> Terre Rob. filii Corbutionis ———  
Sandtersingham, tenet Ranulfus, quam.  
ten. i lib. ho. sub Heroldo, T. R. E. tc.  
et p' i car. mo. n. tc. et p. v. bor. mo.  
null. tc. et p'. iii ser. mo. i et iii ac. et

dim. pti. tc. et p' i car. ho'um. tc. et p'  
i sal. sep. val. xx. sol.

<sup>2</sup> Claus. Hen. IV. p. 2. m. 9.

<sup>3</sup> Rer. Vox. Norw. p. 4.

of the lordships of *Rivets*, *Butlers*, and *Chapps*, in this town *Babingley* and *Wolverton*, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*: this *Jeffrey* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Osbert Mundeford*, Esq. of *Feltwell*, by whom he had *William Cobbe*, Esq. his son and heir, who had livery of this manor, &c. about 1580, on the death of his father. This *William* married (as is said) *Elizabeth*, or *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Henry Bedingfeld* of *Orburgh*, and died May 16, 1612, as appears from an inquisition taken at *Watton*, September 18, in the said year, when *Mary* was found to be his widow, and *Jeffrey Cobbe*, Esq. his son and heir, by the said *Mary*, and she presented to the church of *Sandringham* in 1614.

*Jeffrey* married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heiress of *Anthony Twaits* of *Hardingham*, Esq. by whom he had *William*, his son and heir, aged 10 years on the death of his father *Jeffrey*, July 14, 1623: this *William* was a great royalist, and a colonel in the army, or militia, and suffered greatly on that account; he married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Henry Bedingfeld* of *Orburgh*, and had by her, 4 sons and several daughters.

*Jeffrey*, his eldest son, was aged 25, in 1664, in which year his father presented to this rectory; this *Jeffrey*, married *Frances*, daughter of *Isaac Astley*, of *Melton Constable*, Esq. and sold this lordship about the year 1686, to Sir *Edward Atkins*, lord chief baron of the Exchequer, who shortly after conveyed it to *James Host*, Esq. (son of *Theodore Hoost* and *Jane*,<sup>\*</sup> daughter of *James Desmaritres*) a rich merchant of *London*, who by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Edward Sley*, alderman of *London*, had *James Host*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Edward Walpole*, Knight of the Bath, of *Houghton*, in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *James Host*, Esq. whose son and heir, *James*, married *Susan*, daughter of *Anthony Hammond*, Esq. of *South Wotton*, by *Lynn*, leaving a daughter and heiress, *Susan*, who married *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq. lord in her right, and resides in the hall, or manor-house.

The arms of *Host*—*azure*, a bull's head, cabosed, *argent*, winged and horned, or.

The manors also of *West hall* and *Butlers*, in *Babingley*, extended into this town. *John de Tateshale* and *Catharine* his wife and *John Le Boteler*, and their tenants, in the 21st of *Edward I.* were found to hold one fee here, in *Babingley*, and *Wolfreton*, and in the said reign, *Peter de Snetsham* was found to hold a quarter of a fee in this town, of *Robert de Tateshale*, who held it in capite.

The *Botelers*, lords here and in *Babingley*, were descended from *Nicholas Pincerna*, or *Boteler*, who was enfeoffed in the reign of King *John*, in the lordship of *Wickmere*, in *Norfolk*, by *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, and appears to be lord there, and of *Sandringham*, *Babingley*, and *Wolverton*. *Emma Le Butiler*, widow, and *Thomas Le Butiler* were living in 1232.

*Nicholas Le Butiler* was lord here, &c. in 1249, and married *Beatrice*, who afterwards remarried *William Fitz Reyner*, and was his wife

\* Theodoric Hoste, father of James; was son of James Hoost, of Middleburgh in Zealand, by Barbara, daughter of Derrick Henricks, who fled into England, in Queen Elizabeth's time, on the persecution

of the Duke of Alva. There is a curious picture here of a young lady of the family, burned in those times, for her religion as a Protestant.

in 1272; this *Nicholas* had a daughter and coheir, married to *William de Sancto Claro*, who sold his right or moiety here, to *William de Heveningham*: and *Felice* occurs the widow of *St. Cler*, in 1285; but after this it appears that *John de Botiler*, who married *Ida*, daughter and coheir of *John de Babingley*, had a lordship here, in the 26th of *Edward I.* son (as I take it) of *Sir Ralph le Botiler*, probably brother of the aforesaid *Nicholas*; and in this family it continued till *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Sir John le Boteler* brought it, about the end of *Edward the Third's* reign, to *Jeffrey Cobbe*, and so remained (as I have before observed) till conveyed to *Sir Edward Atkins*, &c.

*West-hall*, or *Tateshale* manor, passed, as is mentioned in *Babingley*, from the heirs of *Tateshale*, to the Lord *Scales*, &c. and so to his heirs, till conveyed to the *Cobbs*, and sold also with *Wood-hall* manor to *Sir Edward Atkins*, &c. and the patronage of this church was in the *Tateshales* and *Cliftons*, &c. who had a moiety of it as lords of this manor, and that of *Babingley*, as heirs to *Eudo*, son of *Spirumia*.<sup>s</sup>

On *Sandringham* heath is dug up great plenty of stone, called carr, or iron stone.

The master of the preceptory of *Carbrook*, in *Norfolk*, held lands here at the will of the prior of *St. John*, of *Jerusalem*, in the 41st of *Henry III.*

The temporalities of *Flitcham* priory were 2s. in 1428, and of *Westacre* 2s.

Nine acres of land here, lately belonging to *Westacre* priory, in the tenure of *Jeffrey Cobbe*, were granted September 15, in the 5d of *Elizabeth*, to *Ed. Warner* and *Robert Shelton*.

The CHURCH of *Sandringham* is dedicated to *St. Mary Magdalen*, and is a rectory; the old valor was 4 marks and an half, and paid 8d. *Peter-pence*, was in the patronage of the prior of *Westacre*, and the lord of *West-hall*, in *Babingley*, (the lord *Tatishale*,) and his heirs, &c.

The present valor is 5l. 6s. 8d. and is discharged of tenths, &c.

It is a single pile, with a tower at the west end.

In the chancel, on a grave-stone

*In memory of Franc. Seward, A.M. rector of this Parish and of Newton, who died in 1732.*

One for

*Thomas Stringer, rector, who died in 1696.*

In the summit of the south window—*sable*, a cross engrailed, or.

In this church (as *Weever* says) was buried *Richard Fitz John*, patron of the church, as his epitaph declares,<sup>e</sup>—*Priez pur le Ame dy Richard Fitz-Jean, patron de ceste Maison*; as still appears by the incision on the stone, wherein the letters of brass were fixed, and stolen off.

On a grave-stone near the font, with a brass plate,

*Here under lyeth William Cobbes of Sandringham, in the county of Norfolk, who marrysed Dorothy, one of the dowgthers of Syr John*

<sup>s</sup> See in *Babingley*.

<sup>e</sup> *Weever's Fun. Mon.*

*Spelman, Knight, and had yonge betwixt them iii sons and viii daughters, and the sayd William decessed the xviii day of January in the xxxviii yere of Kyng Henry the viii, A°. Dni. M. ccccxli. Also on brass plates the arms of Cobbe, per chevron, sable and gules, in chief, two swans, proper, respectant, and in base, a herring cobb, naiaut, or; and Boteler quarterly, impaling Spelman and Narburgh, quarterly.*

On a grave-stone, Cobbe's shield alone, and Cobbe quartering Butler, and impaling quarterly, Spelman and Narburgh.

On the roof of the church at the east end, on the south side—sable, three cups, with their handles argent, Butler, impaling argent, on a cross ingrailed sable, five plates, between four chauchys proper; and in a south window—Butler impales, per chevron, sable, and argent, three crosses flory, counterechanged.

In the churchyard, on the north side, are these altar tombs covered with black slabs :

One

*In memory of Theod. Host, Esq. who married Elizabeth, daughter of ~~William~~ Burligh, Esq. impaling argent, a lion rampant, sable, and a fess wavy, azure, over all, and died in 1725.*

Another of

*James Host, Esq. who died 1729, impaling Walpole; he married ———, a daughter of Sir Edward Walpole, of Houghton.*

Also one for

*Js. Host, Esq. who died 1744, impaling Hamond; he married Susan daughter of Anthony Hamond, of South Wotton, Esq. azure, three doves between two chevrons, or.*

## RECTORS.

In 1292, a composition was made between the prior and convent of Westacre, patrons of a mediety of this church, and Sir Robert Tateshale, patron of the other mediety, wherein they agreed to present alternately.

1321, Robert Algar, to both medieties, by the presentations of Sir Robert de Ufford, Knt. *hac vice*, and the prior, &c. of Westacre.

1334, Mr. Alexander de Langley, to both medieties: Ditto,

1372, John Burney, to both medieties, by the King, on account of the minority of the heir of Sir Adam de Clifton, and by the prior, &c.

1387, John Berton, (exchanged for Pyryton) by the prior, and Sir John Clifton.

1393, Jeff. Chantrell, (exchanged for Stynford in Chichester dioc.) by the King, as guardian of the heir of John Clifton, and by the prior, &c.

1396, Roger Cobbe, (exchanged for Leringset,) by the prior, and by Margaret, late wife of Constant. Clifton.

1405, Richard Brydbrook, alias Goodrams, (exchanged for Henney M. London dioc.) by the prior, and Lady Margaret Clifton.

1408, Steph. Gamon, (exchanged for Ringsted St. Peter) by Ditto.

1410, John Bridale, (exchanged for Sasham Magna) by the prior, and Lady Margaret Clifton,

1422, *Simon Kene*, (exchanged for *Sanford Magna, Essex*) by the prior, and *Lady Margaret Clyfton*.

1327, *Jeffrey Smith*. Ditto.

1476, *Fr. Riverus Iskolt*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

*John Strongman*.

1504, *William Company*, by the prior, and *John Earl of Oxford*.

*William Scott*.

1548, *Mr. Florence Semer*, S. T. in cep. by *Thomas Heydon, Esq.* and *Dorothy* his wife, relict of *William Cobb*, in right of a moiety of the manor of *West-hall*.

1551, *John Patteson*, or *Packson*, by *Sir Ant. Wingfield, Knt.*

1564, *Jeff. Lawse*, by *Sir Robert Wingfield, Knt.*

1566, *Robert Radcliff*, by *Jeffrey Cobbes, Esq.*

1592, *Steph. Clark*, by *William Cobb, Esq.* united to *Babingley*.

1596, *William Wiborow*. Ditto.

1614, *William Gurdyn*, by *Mary Cobb*, widow, united to *Babingley*.

*Adam Webb*.

1660, *Steph. Basset*, by *William Cobb, Esq.* cum *Babingley*.

1664, *Thomas Stringer*. Ditto.

1697, *John Lewis*, by *James Host, Esq.*

1713, *Robert Cremer*. Ditto.

1728, *Andrew Rogers*. Ditto.

1731, *Fran. Seward*. Ditto.

1732, *James Sharp*. Ditto.

## TILNEY.

THE Lord *Bardolf's* manor of *Islington*, and that of *William de Scohies* of *Broughton*, &c. extended here; and *Heyld Montford*, see in *Islington*.

### LORD BARDOLF'S FEE.

At the survey *Hermerus*, (*de Ferrarijs*) of whom see in *Wirmegay*, alias *Wrongay*, had a lordship in *Tilney*, held by *Turchetel*, a freeman, in King *Edward's* time, and was deposed.

It consisted of a carucate of land, 7 borderers, 2 servi, and 24 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and one amongst the tenants, 7 salt-pits, &c. 310 sheep, always valued at *3l. per ann.* and 6 acres of land valued at *12d.* belonged to it.

A lordship also<sup>a</sup> *Islington*, (as I observed,) of the said *Hermerus*, extended into this town of *Tilney*.

<sup>a</sup> Terre Hermeri Tilingetuna, i car. car. hom. et vii saline, tc. i runc. mo<sup>r</sup> tere. ten. Turchetel. lib. ho. T. R. E. null. sep. vi an. tc. xvi port. mo. vii. ep. vii villi. et vii bord. tc. ii serv. mo. tc. cccx. ov. mo. cccxv sep. val. lx sol. i et xxliii ac. pti. sep. i car. in dno, et i huc jacet vi ac. tre. et val. xiiid.

It was part of the honour of *Wirmegay*, the barony of the Lords *Bardolf*; and being a considerable lordship, several persons were enfeoffed therein; from whence sprung up many lordships, held by different parts of fees and tenures here, and the presentation to the church of *Tilney* belonged formerly to the Lord *Bardolf*, as capital lords.

### CHERVILE'S MANOR.

The family of *Cherevile*, or *Kervile*, was early enfeoffed of part. In the 10th of *Richard I.* a fine was levied between *Simon*, son of *Roger de Cherevile*, petent, and *Robert*, son *Walter de Cherevile*, of lands in *Tilney*.

*Sir Frederick de Chervill* held 2 fees in *Tilney*, *Islington*, *Wigenhale*, and *Clenchwarton*, (when an aid was granted, on the marriage of King *Henry the Third's* sister to the Emperor of *Germany*) of the honour of *Wimegeye*;\* and was found in the 34th of that King, to have a gallows, in *Tilney*, and the liberty, or power of trying and hanging offenders.

In the 4th of *Edward I.* *William Lord Bardolf* was found to die seized of a manor here, held *in capite*, by the service of paying castle guard to the castle of *Norwich*, 7s. per month, and half a mark per annum.

From the *Cherviles* it came partly to the *Marmions*, and to the *Tilneys*, probably by some marriage, *Sir John Tilney* having a lordship here, in *Edward the Third's* time, who was son of *Sir Thomas de Tylney*: *Sir John* was styled of *Quaplode*, in *Lincolnshire*, and left two daughters and coheirs, *Isabell* married to *Jeffrey Folvoile*, by whom he had *Maud*, a daughter and heir, married to *Sir John Woodford*, whose son, *Sir Robert of Sproxton*, in *Leicestershire*, gave his grandson *John*, in the 26th of *Henry VI.* lands here. *Alice*, another daughter and coheir of *Sir John Tilney*, married *Edmund Kervile*, of *Wigenhale*, *St. Mary's*.

### WEST DERHAM ABBEY MANOR.

This abbey had considerable possessions in this town. *William* and *Adam*, sons of *Turgis de Wigenhale*, *Walter*, son of *Herbert de Bintre*, *John Sculham*, *Alan*, son of *Philip de Tilney*, &c. gave lands by deed sans date, to this abbey. In the 5th of King *John*, *Adam de Wesenham*, and *Basilia* his wife conveyed lands in *Tylney* to *Ralph*, abbot of *Dereham*; and in the 34th of *Henry III.* it appears that the abbot had a manor here, and required service on that account from *William*, son of *Richard de Tylney*.

A patent was granted to the abbot, to purchase of *Robert de Gold*, &c. 2 messuages, and 31 acres of land in the said town, in the 17th of *Edward II.*

In the 3d of *Edward III.* he was found to hold 3 parts of a fee in *Tilney*, and *Wigenhale*, of the Lord *Bardolf*; and in the 20th of that King, in those towns, the 8th part of a fee of the said lord, which *William de Chervile* and *Thomas de Grangia*, formerly held; and in

\* Plita Con. 34 Hen. III. Rot. 29.

the 33d of the said King, he was found to hold lands by the service of 6d. *per ann.* here, given him and his successors, by *Henry de Westing*, cappellane, and *Steph. Talbot*, of *Fincham*, held by knight's service of the Lord *Bardolf*.

It appears from a roll of the honour of *Wirmegay*, that in the 3d of *Henry IV.* he held 2 fees in *Tilney* and *Wigenhale*, of the said lord, which were sold him by *Robert Marmyon*, with the rents and services of all his tenants, which he held of the fee of *Frederick de Chareville*, of the ancestrie of *Adam de Mildenhale*, coming by his father and mother, with the tenants of Sir *John Tilney*, in *Tilney Chervoile*, and *Tyrington Chervoile*; and in 1428, the temporalities of this abbey were valued at 13*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.*

On the dissolution of this abbey, it came to the Crown, and was granted, *July 3*, in the 2d of *Elizabeth*, to *Richard Nicholls*, of *Tilney*, with all its appertenances in *Tylney*, *Tyrington*, *Islington*, and *Clenchwarton*, with the rectory of *Rougham*, in *Norfolk*, belonging to *Westacre* priory, and the rectory of *Dounton*, in *Norfolk*, belonging to the priory of *Marmound*; and *George Nicholls* held it in the 27th of that Queen.

#### FENN'S AND NOON'S MANOR.

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Philip de Fenne*, and his tenants, were found to hold the 3d part of a knight's fee here, and in *Wigenhale*, of the Lord *Bardolf*; and the heirs of *John Noon* held also, with the abbot of *Derham* 2 fees in the said towns of the same lord.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *Nicholas None* and *John None* occur as landholders here; and in the 31st of that King, a fine was levied between *Edmund Bardolf*, querent, *John*, son of *William Noon*, of *Tilney*, and *Isabel* his wife, deforciant, of a messuage, a mill, 25 acres of land, in *Tilney*, and *Tyrington*, which *William de Bradenham*, and *Maud* his wife held in dower, and granted to *Edmund*, after their decease.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *William de Fenne* is named amongst the lords of manors here;\* and the said *William* and *Joan* his wife, of *Tylney*, held it in the 2d of *Edward III.* as appears by a fine then levied.

In the 3d of the said King, the heirs of *John Noon* held, as appears from the escheat rolls, the 4th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, in *Tilney*; in the 7th year of the same reign a fine was levied between *Edmund*, son of *John Noon*, and *Alice* his wife, *Walter de Glemesford*, &c. trustees of this manor, then settled on *Edmund* and *Alice* in tail: the said *Edmund*, by the inquisitions taken in the 20th of the said King, held the 3d part of a fee, which *Philip de Fenne*, and his tenants formerly held, and *Edmund* occurs lord in the 41st of *Edward III.*

*John Marshall*, of *Tyrington*, &c. conveyed lands in *Tydd St. Mary's* to *Robert*, son of *John Noon*, of *Tylney*, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of *Margaret*, in the 1st year of *Richard II.* and in the 22d of that King, lands here were conveyed by fine to *John Noon*.

Sir *Edmund Noon* occurs lord in the 3d of *Henry IV.* and in the 5th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Noon* held the 8th part of a fee in *Tilney*,

\* *William de Fenn* was a commissioner of the marshes and sewers, in the 9th of *Edward III.*

*Wigenhale*, and *Clenchwarton*, of *Thomas Beaufort Duke of Exeter*, lord of the honour of *Wirmegeye*.

A fine in the 18th of *Henry VI.* was levied between *John Overell*, &c. querents, *Thomas Palmer*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter and heir of *Robert Noone*, of *Tilney*, deforcianta of lands here.

### MARSHALL'S MANOR.

*WILLIAM*, son of *John Le Mareschalle*, had also a lordship held of the honour of *Wirmegay*, and it appears from a pleading at *Norwich*, in *Hillary* term, in the 15th of *Edward I.* that the said King had granted to him<sup>a</sup> 12, a fair in his lordship of *Tilney*, for 5 days, beginning on the vigil, the day of *St. Lawrence*, and 3 days after, yearly; and produced then his charter of the said King for the same, the *Mareschalls* having also a manor in *Terington*, and living in that town, I shall there speak more of them, and of the *Duntons*, who held lands here.

### WENDLING - ABBOT'S MANOR.

In the 24th of *Henry III.* the abbot held in this town and in *Wigenhale* the 8th part of a fee of the honour of *Wirmegey*, and in the 20th of *Edward III.* the inquisitions say that *William de Bradenham* held it of the abbot for the term of his life; and in 1428, the temporalities of that abbey were taxed at 54s. 11d. in this town.

On the dissolution of the religious houses, in the time of *Henry VIII.* this monastery came to the Crown; and on the 30th of *August*, *Queen Elizabeth*, in her 19th year, granted it, with all the lands and tenements, &c. belonging to it, in the towns of *Tilney*, *Islington*, *Clenchwarton*, *Walpole*, *Emneth*, and *Gayton*, to *Thomas Jennyns* and *Ed. Forth*.

I take the lands that *Jordan Foliot*, son of *Sir Richard Foliot*, confirmed to *Sir William Foliot*, his brother, by deed *sans date*, in this town, and *Islington*, of the purchase formerly of *Robert de Stoterville*, his uncle, with liberties, &c. belonging, for 6s. 9d. rent *per ann.* made up part of this manor.

### WESTACRE PRIORY.

*Jeffrey Sutton* aliened lands in this town, *Terington*, *Wigenhale*, &c. to this priory, in the 6th of *Edward II.* and *John Wigenhale*, 60 acres of land, and 12 of pasture here, in *Terington* and *Wygenhale*, in the 7th of the said King; and *Thomas de Tilney* granted to the prior 8l. *per ann.* out of land in *Tilney*, *Wigenhale*, and *Clenchwarton*, to found a chantry in the church of *St. German's*, of *Wigenhale*.

In the 3d of *Edward III.* the prior held a quarter of a fee, of the *Lord Bardolf*, and his temporalities in 1428, were valued at 3l. 0s. 8d. *per ann.* or as some say 40s. 8d.

<sup>a</sup> Granted rather to the *Lord Bardolf*, the capital lord.



## EARL OF CLARE'S FEE.

*Tort*, a freeman, was lord of a manor in *Tilney*, in King *Edward's* time, which at the survey, was possessed by *Ralph Bainard*, and *Gaosfrid*, or *Geffrey* held it under him; it consisted of one carucate of land, 5 villains, 4 borderers, and 24 acres of meadow; there was one carucate also in demean, and one among the tenants, 5 salt-pits, with the moiety of another, &c. formerly 15 sheep, at the survey 900; in King *Edward's* time it was valued at 40s. afterwards at 10s. and at the survey at 60s. per ann.<sup>2</sup>

*Tort*, or *Torn*, as he is also written in *Domesday Book*, held several lordships in this county, in which I find this Lord *Bainard* to succeed him, and is called a *Thane*, in the account of the town of *Wheatacre*, in the hundred of *Clavering*. *Gaosfrid*, or *Geffrey*, was either brother, or son to the Lord *Ralph*; that he was a relation appears from his being styled *Gaosfrid Bainard*, in the town of *Kerdeston*, in the hundred of *Eynesford*; it is certain that this Lord *Ralph* had by *Juga*, his wife, a son and heir, *Geffrey Baynard*, and was succeeded by *William Baynard*, who taking part with *Heli*as Earl of *Mayne*, *Phil. de Braose*, *William Mallet*, and other conspirators against King *Henry I.* lost his barony, great part of which that King gave to *Robert*, son of *Richard*, son of *Gilbert* Earl of *Clare*, from whom the Lords *Fitz Walter* descended; but as I do not find any mention of those lords, it is most probable that this part of the *Boynards'* estate was granted to *Gilbert Fitz Richard*, or to his father, *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, Earl of *Brion*, &c. in *Normandy*, who married *Rohesia*, daughter and heir of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*: this *Walter* had also a considerable lordship in the town of *Islington*, which also descended to *Richard Fitz Gilbert*. *Gilbert Fitz Richard* was Earl of *Clare*, about the end of *Henry* the First's reign. That the Earls of *Clare* had a manor in this town appears from ancient records; and was divided into several parts, or fees.

In the 8th year of the reign of King *John*, it appears from a pleading that *Godfrey*, son of *Godwine*, held part of a fee in *Tilney*; and in King *Henry* the Third's time, *Jordan Foliot* confirmed by deed *sans date*, to his brother Sir *William Foliot*, (both of them sons of Sir *Richard Foliot*) all his land in *Tilney* and *Islington*, purchased formerly of Sir *Robert de Stoteville*, his uncle, with all liberties, commons, and easements thereto belonging, with 3s. 9d. rent per ann.; witnesses, Sir *William Bardolf*, *Roger de Vaux*, *John de Ingaldesthorp*, *John Strange*, and *William de Tirington*, Knts. *John de Wigenhale*, *Thomas de Wesenham*, *William de Medlers*, &c. and in the 43d of the said King a fine was levied between *William de Wendling*, clerk, querent, *Gyles de Vernon* and *Joan* his wife, impediens, of 40s. rent per ann. in this town, *Wigenhale*, *Clenchwarton*, *North Lynn*, &c. granted to *William*, to be held of *Gyles* and *Joan*, and the heirs of *Joan*.

<sup>2</sup> Terre Rad. Bainardi—Tilinghetuna, car. houn. et v saline et dim. mo. i r. ten. Gaosfrid. i car. tre. qu. tenuit et v an. et viii p' tc. xv ov. mo. cc. to. Tort, T. R. E. sep. v villi. et iiiii bor. val. xl. sol. p' x mo. lx. et xxiiii ac. pti. sepi i car. in dnio. et i

*John Fitz John*, of *Reynham*, *John de Fenn*, and *John de Wigenhale* held the 3d part of a fee in this town, *Clenchwarton*, and *Wigenhale*, of *Richard* son of *Simon*, belonging to the honour of *Clare*.

In the 52d of *Henry III.* *Thomas de Warblington*; in *Sussex*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed to *William de Sculham*, a mark's rent here, and in *Wigenhale*, and the homages and services of several persons, viz. *Richard de Sculham*, &c. who held by several rents and suits of court at *Tilney*.

In the 8th of *Edward II.* *Thomas de Warblington* held one fee here, in *Middleton*, *Clenchwarton*, *Wigenhale*, *West Winch*, *Hardwick*, *Seche*, and *South Lynn*, of the said honour.

*Sir John de Fitton* had also about this time a considerable estate here. In the 9th of the said King, *John Le Neve* of *Tilney*, and *Alice* his wife, conveyed lands to *Sir John*, and *Margaret* his wife; and in the 17th year of that King, *Ralph de Edynesthorp*, vicar of *St. German's Wigenhale*, conveyed to him, and *Amicia*, his then wife, 13 messuages, a mill, 250 acres of land, 62 of meadow, 34 of pasture, 60 of heath, and 6 marks rent *per ann.* &c. in *Tilney*, *Terrington*, *Wigenhale*, and *Islington*, settled on *Sir John* and *Amicia*, in tail, remainder to *Thomas*, first, and after to *John*, sons of *John de Tilney*, who married *Sir John Fitton's*, sister.

In fines of lands lying in this town, frequent mention is made of the *Tilney* family. *Robert de Tilney* lived in the reign of King *Henry III.* and *Godfrey*, his son, was found to have a manor here, in the 3d of *Edward I.*

*William*, son of *Godfrey de Tilney*, gave lands *sans date*, to *Castleacre* priory—witnesses, *Alexander de Ingaldesthorp*, *William de Dunham*, &c.

In the 16th of that King, *Walter de Tilney* purchased of *Roger de Plympton*, and *Maud* his wife, *Thomas Florentyn*, and *Katharine*, his wife, lands in this town, by fine levied. In the 4th of *Edward II.* *William*, son of *Nicholas*, son of *Geffrey de Tylney*, conveyed lands here to *John*, son of *Richard Sefoul*, and *Katherine*, his wife, by fine; and *John de Tilney*, and *Henry Blower*, of *Tylney*, conveyed lands by fine to *John Styward*, in the 3d of *Richard II.*

*Philip*, son of *Frederick de Tilney*, who lived at *Boston*, in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. was possessed of a manor, or lands here, as appears by his will dated on the feast of *St. Ambrose*, in the 11th year of King *Richard II.* and *Frederick* had 50 acres of land here, conveyed to him by fine, which *Nicholas Blower* held for the life of *Agnes*, widow of *John*, son of *William Noon*, of *Tilney*.

In the 47th of *Edward III.* and in the 49d of that King, *John*, son of *Geffrey de Tilney* and *Agnes*, his wife, had lands conveyed to them by fine.

*John de Woodnorton*, before this, impleaded in the court of King's Bench, *John*, son of *Thomas de Reynham*, for 60 acres of land, 30s. rent, with the moiety of a messuage, in *Tylney*, *Suth Clenchwarton*, and *Wigenhale*, and in the said year, *Alan*, son of *John de Reynham*, uncle of *Elias de Hauville*, was seized in demean of 51 acres of land in this town.

In the 5th of *Henry VI.* a fine was levied between *John Tyrell*, Esq. *Robert Smith*, &c. querents, *Thomas Tyrell*, Esq. and *Katherine*, his

wife, *Robert Stonham, Esq.* and *Mary* his wife, deforcianta of a manor, in *Tilney*, conveyed to *Smith*.

*Thomas Godsalve, Esq.* son and heir of *Thomas Godsalve*, of *Norwich*, released on *October 1*, in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* according to his father's will, to *Thomas*, his brother, lands in several townes, with his manor. or messuages in *Tilney*.

*Sir Robert Audley* had livery of a lordship bere, about the 18th of *Queen Elizabeth*.

*Pentney* priory had lands here, held of the *Bardolfs*, valued in 1428, at 4ls. at the dissolution, granted to *Edward*, Lord *Clynton*, *November 26. A<sup>o</sup>. 5 Edward VI.*

*Wirmagey* priory also land, valued then at 2ls. 4d.

The monks of *Thetford*, in rents, 9s. per ann. the priory of *Irworth*, in meadow grounds 9s. per ann.

*Weaver*, in his *Funeral Monuments*,<sup>3</sup> gives an extract from a book then in the hands of *Thomas Tilney*, of *Hadley*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. which belonged (as in a note of the said book is said) to *Sir Frederick Tilney*, of *Boston*, in *Lincolnshire*, who was knighted at *Acon* in the *Holy Land*, by King *Richard I.* in his 3d year; a knight remarkable for his great stature, and strength of body; and was buried with his ancestors in the church of *Tirington*, by *Tilney*, whose height was to be seen there at that time, viz. 1556.

After him 16 knights succeeded, (of the name of *Tilney*) and in the entate; who all lived at *Boston*, till it came to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*, by the marriage of a daughter and heiress of an elder brother.

The last of this knightly family, was then *Sir Phil. Tilney* of *Shelleigh*, in *Suffolk*, father of the above *Thomas Tilney*, of *Hadley*.

The book here mentioned, in 1727, was in the hands of *Peter Le Neve*, *Norrey*, but the note abovementioned appears by the hand to be written long after the siege of *Acon*, and about the reign of King *Henry VIII.* or *Edward VI.* and there was no such succession of knights, as here mentioned.

#### PRIOR OF LEWES'S MANOR, OR KENWICK'S,

Was part of the capital lordship of that prior in *West-Walton*, and granted by the name of *Kenwick*, in *Tilney*, in the reign of King *Richard I.* with the consent of the abbot of *Clugny*, of *Burgundy*, in *France*, (to which abbey *Lewes* was a cell) to *Alan*, son of *Robert de Snetsham*, alias *de Ingleshorp*, in fee farm, at 20 marks per ann. most of the dememean lands belonging to it being exempted from tithe.

*Thomas de Ingaldeshorp* was lord in the 8th of King *John*, and in the 3d of *Edward I.* *John de Ingaldeshorp* was found to hold a knight's fee in this town, and *Wigenhale*, and had the assise of bread, beer, &c. he also held lands of the Bishop of *Ely*, and of *William de Terrington*, paying to them 3ls. per ann. *Thomas de Ingaldeshorp* had a charter of free-warren in his lands here, at *Snetesham*, &c. in the

33d of that King, and Sir William de Ingaldesthorp died lord in the 46th of the said reign.

Sir Thomas de Ingaldesthorp founded a chapel, or oratory in this manor, for the ease of his family, and heirs; no tithe, or oblations belonged to it, and there was no institution or induction, as the jury found in the 1st of Richard II. but it was a false return.

On the death of Sir Edmund de Ingaldesthorp, the last heir male of this family, in the 35th of Henry VI. it passed (as may be seen in the manor of *Bellase's*, in *Emneth*) to the *Nevills*, *Isabell*, his daughter and heir, being married to *John Nevill*, a younger son of *Richard* Earl of *Salisbury*, created by King *Edward* IV. Lord Marquis *Montacute*.

On a division of the estate of his son, *George Nevill* Duke of *Bedford*, between his 5 sisters and coheirs, this came to the Lady *Elizabeth*, one of the said sisters, who married *Thomas Lord Scroop* of *Upsale*, and *Massam*, and presented to the chapel of *Kenwick*, in 1510, then a widow: by an inquisition taken October 14, in the 10th of Henry VIII. the jury find that the said lady died in the 9th of that King; and left it to her niece, *Lucy*, on condition that she married *John Cuttes*, Esq.\* son and heir of *Sir John Cuttes*, of *Cambridgeshire*, which *Lucy* was daughter of *Lucy Nevill*, (sister of the Lady *Scroop*) who married first, *Sir Thomas Fitz Williams*, of *Aldwarke*, in *Yorkshire*, and afterwards *Sir Anthony Brown*, and *John Cuttes*, Esq. was lord in the 12th of *Elizabeth*.

The Earl of *Fitz Williams*, lord in 1750, and 1765.

The tenths were 30l. 6s.—Deducted 3l.

The abbot of *Bury's* manor, in *Islington*, extended into this town: this was possessed by the *Keens* in 1720, and by his Excellency *Sir Benjamin Keen*, Knt. of the *Bath*, his Majesty's ambassador to the King of *Spain*, and is now held by the Bishop of *Ely*.

Here was also a lordship called *Broughton's*, from a family of that name: see in *Islington*.

This town gives name to a famous common, called *Tilney Smeeth*, whereon 30000, or more, large *Marshland* sheep, and the great cattle of seven town; to which it belongs, are constantly said to feed; about two miles in breadth and -- in length, viz. *Tilney*, *Terrington*, *Clench-warton*, *Islington*,<sup>2</sup> *Walpole*, *West Walton*, *Walsoken*, and *Emneth*: a piece of land so fruitful, (as was reported by a courtier to King *James* the First, at his first coming to the crown) "that if over night a wand, or "rod, was laid on the ground, by the morning it would be covered with "grass of that night's growth, so as not to be discerned;" to which that King is said, in a jocose manner, to reply, "that he knew some "grounds in *Scotland*, where if an horse was put in over night, they "could not see him, or discern him in the morning." Of this plain, or *Smeeth*, there is a tradition, which the common people retain, that in old time, the inhabitants of these towns had a contest with the lords of the manors, about the bounds and limits of it; when one *Hickifric*, a person of great stature and courage, assisting the said

\* Reg. Manwaring, in Cur. Prerog. Cant. fol. 19.

<sup>2</sup> Islington is looked upon as part of *Tilney*; Old *Lynn*, West and North *Lynn*,

do not inter common. Dugd. of Imb. p. 245.—St. John's is an hamlet of *Tyrington*, as St. Lawrence is of *Tilney*.

inhabitants, in their rights of common, took an axle-tree from a cart wheel, instead of a sword, and the wheel for a shield, or buckler, and thus armed, soon repelled the invaders; and for proof of this notable exploit, they to this day shew (says Sir *William Dugdale*) a large grave-stone, near the east end of the chancel, in *Tilney* churchyard, whereon the form of a cross is so cut, or carved, as that the upper part thereof (wherewith the carver hath adorned it) being circular, they will therefore needs have it to be the grave-stone of *Hickifric*, and to be as a memorial of his gallantry.

The stone coffin which stands now out of the ground, in *Tilney*, churchyard, on the north side of the church, will not receive a person above 6 feet in length, and this is shewn as belonging formerly to the giant *Hickifric*; the cross, said to be a representation of the cart-wheel, is a cross pattee, on the summit of a staff; which staff is styled an axle-tree; such crosses pattee on the head of a staff, were emblems, or tokens that some Knight Templar was therein interred, and many such are to be seen at this day in old churches.

*Til*, is the name of a river in *Northumberland*, and many towns take their names from *Til*; as *Tilbrook* in *Bedfordshire*, *Tilford*, in *Surry*, *Tilbury*, in *Essex*, &c.

The CHURCH of *Tilney* is dedicated to all the Saints, and is a large building, consisting of a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the west end stands a square tower, with pinnacles, and -- bells therein; on the tower, a spire of free-stone.

At the west end of the north isle, is an old altar monument, but no arms; or inscription on it: near this, against the lowest pillar, may be observed a place for the holy water, some chapel and altar being here; in the second window, as you ascend, are the remains of some of the Apostles, with labels of the creed; also the figures of St. *Catharine*, and of the Virgin *Mary*, with the child *Jesus*; and at the bottom,

*Alicie uxoris sue.*

On the pavement hereby is a marble grave-stone, with these arms -----, in a bend between two bendlets, three escallops, ---- on a canton, ----, a garb—King, impaling -----, argent, two pallets vert, and on a canton, or, a mullet, gules, *Heulethwayt*.

In memory of *Arthur King*, late of this parish, Gent: who married *Sarah*, the eldest daughter of the Rev. Mr. *Heblethwayt*, rector of *Great Snoring*, in *Norfolk*, and had issue by her 6 children, *Robert*, *Lydia*, *Sarah*, *Ann*, *Elizabeth*, and *Charles*; *Elizabeth* only surviv'd him; he died Jan. 15, 1693, aged 52.

On another adjoining, the same arms for,

*Sarah*, wife of *Arthur King*, who died 18, of July 1717, aged 72, and left, one daughter, *Elizabeth*, married to *Christ. Beddingfeld Esq.* of *Wighton*, in *Norfolk*.

In the 3d window, the figure of St. *Christopher*, with *Jesus* on his shoulder.

In the 4th window, other of the Apostles, with labels, and the effigies of a man and his wife, their heads broke off, and on their knees; at the bottom a broken fragment,

\*\*\*\*\* *Johane uxor. ej. et p. aid Joh. Ymberti quo'da' rect.* \*\*\*  
*eccles. de Tilneye.*

In the 5th window, St. James the Great, St. Peter beginning the creed, &c.

The upper part, or east end of this isle, is taken in by a screen; on the pannels are painted several arms; *argent*, a cross patonce --, probably it was *vert*, *Sefoul*, and now obscure through time, as the rest are (the *Sefouls* had an estate in this town in Edward the First's time, &c.)—*argent*, a chevron, between three mullets, *gules* — *Broughton*; on a fess, *argent*, three roses, *gules*; *sable*, on a bend, *argent*, three flowers-de-lis of the first; and *sable* on a fess, *argent*, three roses, *gules*, as they now appear; the whole screen is ornamented with roses, mullets and stars; within this screen is a long, narrow chapel, probably dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*; the windows being painted with M and crowns over it, in many places, and with a lily, in a flower-pot; the lily being the emblem of purity and chastity.

*Ferdinando* King of *Arragon* instituted an order of knighthood under the name of the lily, about the year 1403. Here are also the figures of St. John the Baptist, St. John the Evangelist, that of *Edward* the Confessor, &c.

In a window, a person on his knees, at confession, a priest standing by him, and on the pavement, a gravestone deprived of its shields, &c. of brass, and now thereon is an inscription for—*Mr. Tho. Say, who dyed Feb. 20, 1683, aged 54; and on another adjoining,*

*In memory of Sarah, wife of Mr. Edmund Say, who died December 18, 1679, aged 46.*

The east end of the south isle is also taken in by a screen, and was an old chapel; in the east window, the figure of St. John the Evangelist, and—*In principio erat verbum, &c.*; and in a south window that of the Virgin: on the pavement, a marble stone, with the arms of *Towers*, *ermin*, a castle triple-towered, *gules*, and

*S. H. H. Jacet Georgius Towers, Gen: aub, obt. 25 die Apr. atat. sue 50, anº. salutis 1714: hic jacet Joh. Towers, Gen: obt. 2, Apr. 1713, atat. sue 30.*

A grave-stone

*In memory of Elizabeth, wife of Robert Say, who dyed Jan. 7, 1633 atat sue, 20.*

On a window here

\*\*\*, *Abr. Sayfield, Anne uxor. ej. qui fecerunt fieri fenestram istam.*

Also grave-stones for

*Robert Say, Gent: who died the last day of January 1633, atat: sue 60.—And Hic jacet sepulta Gratia, nuper uxor Mri. Robt. Say. de Tilney Fen-End que obt. primo die Febr. 1625.*

And one

*In memory of Mr. Edmund Say, who died June 30, 1702, aged 75, with this shield, quarterly, or and gules, in the first quarter, a lion passant, azure, Say, impaling ermin, on a chief, ----, three owls.*

Another

*In memory of Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Say, of Islington, Gent: by Deborah, the daughter of William Barney, Esq. who died Oct. 3, 1658.*

On the walls of this chapel, are painted several shields, now much obscured by length of time, quarterly, *azure*, a lion rampant, *argent*, collared, with a label of three points, in the first and 4th quarter, *Colvil*, of *Newton* in the isle, and *or*, three chessrooks, *gules*, (quere if not *Pinchbeck*) in the 2d and 3d quarter, *gules*, three waterbudgets, *ermine*, *Ross*—*gules*, a cross ingrailed *argent*, *Inglethorpe*;—quarterly, *or* and *gules*, a bordure, *sable*, bezanty; *Rochford*;—*vairy*, *argent* and *sable*, over all a bend, *gules*; a lion rampant; *azure*, a fess between two chevronels, *argent*, *Tendering*;—cheque, a fess *gules*;—*St. George's* shield, a cross *gules*; *azure*, three cinquefoils, *or*, *Lord Bardolf*; also *Lord Scales*,—*Howard*, ---- and *or*, a cross ingrailed *vert*,—*Noon*; *argent*, three hunter's horns, *sable*, *Blowere*, as I take it.

*Adam de Blowere* was a commissioner for the banks and sewers of *Marshland* in 1294.

The roof of the nave is of oak, supported by principals, with angels, their wings extended: on a window over the first arch, on the south side—*argent*, three hunter's horns, *sable*, *Blowere*: on a window over the 2d arch of the nave, on the north side, *argent*, a chevron between three wolves heads erased, *gules*, *Lovell*.

At the lower end of the nave, on a grave-stone,

*Here lyeth interred the body of Thomas Bold, sometym vicker of Tilney, worshipfully descended of the ancient family of the Bolds, of Bold-Hall, in Lancashire, who changed this life for a better, Nov. 8, 1698, and waiys the resurrection of the just.* There has been a plate for his arms, but now tore off, under it, *Resurgam*.

In the chancel east window,—barry of ten, *argent* and *azure*, an orle of martlets, *gules*, *Valence* Earl of *Pembroke*, impaling *vairy*, *argent* and *azure*, three pallets, *gules*, on a chief, *or*, a file, *azure*, *Castilion* Earl of *St. Paul*, the arms of the foundress, of *Pembroke-Hall*, in *Cambridge*, who married the said Earl.

This church with the vicarage and the portions therein belonging to *Nutteley* abbey, in *Buckinghamshire*, and to that of *Bury*, was valued in 1428, at 120 marks, *Peter-pence* 2s.

The present valor of the vicarage is 50l. and is not discharged.

## RECTORS.

*Godfrey de Acre* occurs rector in the 22d of *Edward I.*

1327, *Ymbert de Monte Martino*, was instituted rector—rector also of *Castre Holy Trinity*, by *Yarmouth*, presented by *Sir Thomas Bardolf*; he resigned *Bradwell juxta Mare* in *Essex*.

1371, *William de Humberstone*, presented by the King; and in 1374, by the King to the rectory of *Harlow*, in *Essex*; and to that of *Yoovil* in *Wells* diocese, 1375.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* a fine was levied between *Mary de St. Paul* Countess of *Pembroke*, and *John Lord Bardolf*, of the patronage of this rectory, and an acre of land, viz. the churchyard, held in *capite*, and conveyed then to the Countess for 48 marks, the fine being levied by a special precept: the family of *Bardolf* is, by all accounts that I have seen, said to have purchased it of *Sir Frederick de Cherville*, in the reign of *Henry III.* but as the *Chereviles'* manor in this town was held of the Lords *Bardolf*, who had the chief fee in it, it is most probable that it was always an appendix to their capital manor.

King *Edward III.* in his 32d year, granted a patent to appropriate it to *Pembroke-Hall*, in *Cambridge*, by the gift of the foundress, (the said Countess of *Pembroke*) and a vicarage settled.

## VICARS.

In 1372, *February 15*, *John de Appleby* was instituted vicar, presented by the master and fellows of *St. Mary Valence's Hall*, in *Cambridge*, *Pembroke-Hall* being at that time so called.

1394, *Mr. William Moryn*. Ditto.

A patent was granted in the 15th of *Richard II.* for a messuage, one cottage, and 26 acres of land, in this town, to the vicar of this church, aliened by *Richard Morice*, &c. One of this name was master of *Pembroke-hall* at this time,

1409, *John Spencer*, A.M. ditto, and occurs in 1423.

—, *Robert Patchet*, vicar.

*Robert Housson*, or *Howysson*, occurs vicar 1442, and 1430.

*Richard Stubbs*, vicar about 1460, S.T.P. and master of *Clare-Hall*.

*Thomas Bold* occurs vicar 1630, and compounded then, *March 22*, for first-fruits.

1638, *William Paris*, compounded *February 1*.

*Henry Jenkins*, vicar, and rector of *Runhton-Holm*, cum *Walington*, died 1732.

1732, *John Whaley*, D. D. master of *St. Peter's* college in *Cambridge*. Ditto.

1748, *Mr. J. Peele*, vicar, on *Whaley's* death. Ditto.

*Richard Peverell*, Esq. of *Tilney*, died seized of lands here, as by his will in 1423: he gives a horse of 10*l.* value to his Lord, *Thomas Duke of Exeter*, to be supervisor of his will.

*Robert Howsson*, vicar, wills to be buried in the place, where the font formerly stood, in the church of *All-Saints, Tilney*; orders a priest to sing for him 10 years at *Trinity* altar, in that church, and gives a silver cup to it;—10 marks to buy vestments, and a portifory for the two chaplains serving in *St. Laurence's*, in *Tilney*, and a marble stone to be laid over him.

*Robert Kervill* of *Tylney* wills, in 1514, to be buried in this church, gives to *Gilbert* his son, all his lands and tenements, in *Tylney* and *Islington*, except 40 acres to *Katherine* his wife; for life; to *Richard* his son 10*l.*



In this parish is a chapel (belonging to the mother-church of *Tilney All-Saints*) dedicated to *St. Laurence*.

In this chapel were the arms of *Inglethorp*, and *Noon*; and *argent*, on a chevron, *azure*, between three tigers heads erased *sable*, three crescents, *ermin*—*Nicholas*, impaling *Hunston*.

*Thomas Little*, chantry priest here, had a pension in *Edward* the Fourth's time of 4*l. per ann.* on the dissolution of it.

There was also in the manor of *Inglethorp*, at *Kenwick* in this town, a free chapel dedicated to *St. Thomas* the Martyr, founded by *Thomas de Ingaldesthorp*, in the reign of King *John*, and had a portion of tithes belonging to it in the church, given probably by the founder, and valued in 1428, at 6 marks *per ann.* and here was the guild of the *Trinity*.

King *Richard* II. as guardian to the heir of Sir *William de Inglethorp*, enjoined, in his first year, *Alianore*, wife of the late Sir *William*, to admit *Hugh de Gandeby*, to this chapel.

### CHAPLAINS

On the dissolution of it, *Ralph Cantrell*, the late chaplain, had a pension allowed him of 5*l. per ann.* which he held in the 5th of *Edward* VI. admitted *October* 15, 1532, by the Bishop, on a lapse.

I find these persons admitted chaplains.

*April* 30, 1377, *Hugh de Gandeby*, presented by the King.

*July* 30, 1474, *Richard Mitton*, by Sir *William Norrys*, Knt. and the lady *Isabella de Montecute* his wife.

*September* 10, 1481, Mr. *Nicholas Goldwell*, LL. B. by ditto.

*November* 27, 1505, *William Leigh*, by Sir *William Norrys*, Knt.

*May* 9, 1510, *Thomas Blithe*, by *Elizabeth* Lady *Scroop*, widow.

## TYRINGTON.

**T**HIS town, though very considerable in its bounds and lands, is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday*, and the reason is, that there was at that time, no independent manor or lordship, with its lands here, held of the King; all the lands herein, belonged to, and depended on, some neighbouring lordships and towns, where they had their site, and extended themselves into this; and were under those lordships and towns valued and extended and accounted for.

The subject and design of that most valuable record, (*Book of Domesday*) being to set forth and ascertain those lands only, which were held in capite, and that in the proper place, where the heads of such fees and tenures lay, and immediately appertained and belonged. Many indeed have maintained that if a town was not to be found in that book, it was not at that time in being; not considering and reflecting

rightly on the true subject and design of that book: this led *Camden*, and after him others, to assert *Roiston* in *Hertfordshire*, not to have a being in the time of the Conqueror, the case being the same with that town, as with this of *Tyrington*, as will appear.

The town of *Roiston* being included under the account of the manors and lordships of *Berkwey*, *Tharfield*, *Melbourn*, *Bassingbourn*, &c. all which extended into it, and included the whole township of *Roiston*: and many instances of the same kind might be mentioned, and often here occur.

That the town of *Tyrington* was in the Saxon age, long before the Conquest, appears from a grant of *Godric*, brother to *Ædnoth*, abbot of *Ramsey*, about the year 970, who gave to that abbey his lands, in *Turingtona*, on condition that *Ædnoth* should free it from the service called *Heregeat*; <sup>7</sup> which was wont to be paid to the lord by free heirs after their father's decease, now called a *Harlot*.

By this it appears that the aforesaid *Godric* had, about a century before the conquest, a lordship in this town of *Tyrington*.

### BARDOLPH'S FEE.

*Hermerus de Ferrariis*, who held a manor in *Tilney*, and *Islington*, in the Conqueror's time, was also lord of part of this town, into which the said manor extended; <sup>8</sup> this came after to the Lords *Bardolf*, and was a member of the honour, or barony of *Wirmegay*: part of this was held by the ancient family of *Terington*, who assumed their name from this town.

In the 7th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Ralph de Tyrington*, petent, and *Robert de Tirington*, his brother, deforciant, of lauds in *Terington*. In the 12th of the same King, Mr. *Richard de Tyrington*, was a great favourite of that King to whom he gave an annuity of 20 marks per ann. for his life; and in the 34th of *Henry III.* *John*, son of *Geffrey de Tirington*, impleaded *Adam Prudekin* for the right of a way beyond the land of *Adam de Terrington*.<sup>9</sup>

*William de Tyrington*, in the 49th of the said reign, had a charter for free-warren, in his demean lands here, and in *Middleton*; about the same time lived *Ralph de Tirington*; and in the 3d of *Edward I.* Sir *William de Tirington* had wreck at sea, assise of beer and bread, and the amercements of his tenants, as he had in the 52d of *Henry III.*

*Ralph de Tirrington*, also, held 3 virgates of land in *Tirington*, of the Bishop of *Ely*, paying 5s. 4d. per ann. and *And. de Tirington*, half a virgate of the Bishop in *Walpole*, paying 47s. 5d. per ann. in *Henry the Third's* reign.

In the year 1500, *William Battayle*, Esq. had an interest in this manor, and was patron of the free chapel of *St. James* belonging to it.

In 1523, one of the same name, was a commissioner to view the banks and sewers of *Marshland*; *William Batail* married, as I take it, *Ida*, daughter of Sir *William de Tirington*, and was lord in her right.

In 1538, *Thomas Howard*, of *Wigenhale*, son of *William Howard*,

<sup>7</sup> Gale's Script. vol. i. p. 430.

<sup>8</sup> See in *Tilney* and *Wirmegay*.

<sup>9</sup> Plita de Jur. et Assiss. Rot. 33.

<sup>\*</sup> Rot. Hundred. in Cur. Recept. Scij. Westm.

and *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *William Noon*, of *Tilney*, *William Alisaundre*, *Sir John Bardolf*, &c. presented to the chapel.

By an inquisition taken in 1346, the heirs of *Ida*, late wife of *William Batail*, were found to hold the 3d part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*; so that *Thomas Howard*, *William Alisaundre*, and *Sir John Bardolf* married, most likely, 3 of the daughters and coheirs of *William Batail* and *Ida* his wife; and it appears that *John Avenell* married *Joan*, and *Sir Robert de Caston*, married *Isabell*, 2 other of the said daughters and coheirs.

Afterwards the whole right above, was in the *Lowells*. *Thomas Lovell* of *Barton Bendish*, Esq. presented in 1416; by his will dated September 10, A°. 9, of *Henry V.* he gives it to his 2d son, *Nicholas*, who presented in 1424,; from the *Lowells* it came to the *Howards*, and *Wentworths*, being united to *Howard's* manor, as I shall show.

### HOWARD'S MANOR.

*Ralph de Stretton*, and his partners, held the fourth part of a fee. *Hamo de Nerford*, and *William*, son of *Herlewin*, held each the fourth part of a fee, in 1234, of the honour of *Wirmegeye*; on the aid then granted at the marriage of King *Henry's* sister, *Isabel*, to the Emperor; and in 1239, *William de Kerdeston* granted to *William*, son of *Herlewin* of *Tirrington*, a messuage, with a carucate of land, by fine, in this town.

*William Howard* purchased lands here, in *Walpole* and *Tylney*, in the 20th of *Edward I.* of *John de Hoyland* and *Sibill* his wife.

In the 21st of *Edward I.* *Peter*, son of *John de Spalding*,\* and *Hamon de Nurborow*, held the fourth part of a fee, *John de Fytton*, *Philip de Fenne*, and their tenants the 12th part of a fee, and *William Howard*, *William Batail*, and *Robert de Causton*, or *Causton*, the 3d part of a fee, of the Lord *Bardolf*.

Messuages and lands here, were sold (by fine levied in the 27th of that King) by *John de Dulingham*, to *William*, son of *Andrew Howard*, and *William Howard* had lands in *Terington*, *Walpole* and *Tilney*, conveyed to him, by fine, in the 33d of the said reign, from *Robert de Causton*; and in the following year, *William Howard* was querent in a fine, *Robert de Causton* and *Isabel* his wife, deforciant, of the 4th part of 70 messuages, 2 mills, 500 acres of land, 6 of pasture, 200 of marsh, and 40s. rent in this town, *Walpole* and *Tilney*, granted to *William*, who granted to *Robert* and *Isabel* 60 acres of land, 40 pence rent, and 2 parts of a messuage, in *Terington*, and *Tilney*, to hold to them and their heirs: this I take to be *Sir William*, the judge, ancestor of the Dukes of *Norfolk*.

The said *William Howard*, bought of *John Gybon*, and *Lucia* his wife, the 3d part of 3 parts of the manor of *Tyrington*, by fine, in the 1st of *Edward II.* in the following year *John Howard* and *Joan* his wife had 3 parts of a manor in *Tirington*, one messuage, and 2 caru-

\* *Sir Henry Walpole*, Knt. by deed sans date, granted to this *John de Spalding*, all his lands in the fields of *Tyrington*, to be held of him and his heirs, paying yearly to the lord of the fee 6d. per ann. and one clove for all suits, aids, and demands, &c. whatever; witness, *Sir William de Tyrington*, *Sir John de Wygenhale*, Knt. *Hugh de Duntoue*, *Nicholas de Hecham*, *Walter Marshall*, &c.—Seal a fess, between two chevrons.

cates of land in *Pentney, Assewell, Thorp, (Geyton Thorp) Walton East, and Nareford*, conveyed to them by *Richard de Cornwall*.

This was *Sir John Howard's*, (eldest son and heir of *Sir William* the judge) on his marriage with the said *Joan*, daughter of *Richard*, and sister of *Richard de Cornwall*; yet the said *Richard* had some right still in this town, for in the 5d of the said King, *Richard de Cornwall*, the father, as appears from the eschaet rolls, was found to hold with *Battayle* the fourth part of a fee.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* *John Avenell* and *Joan* his wife, held the fourth part of a fee, which *Peter*, son of *John Spalding*, formerly held; and the said *John* and *Joan*, with *Robert de Causton* and the heirs of *Ida*, late wife of *William Bataile*, held the 3d part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*; and at the same time *John de Tilney*, and his parceners, held the 12th part of a fee of the said lord, which *John de Fitton* formerly held. *Peter Spalding* sold his part or manor, (having enfranchised several villains) to *Sir John Howard* the elder.

In the 3d of *Richard II.* a fine was levied of the manor of *Howards*, in *Tirington*, with that of *Wigenhale*, &c. between *William Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*, *Sir John Lovell*, *Sir John Tudenham*, Knts. &c. feoffees, querents, and *Sir Robert Howard* and *Margaret* his wife, deforcianta; and in the 9d of *Henry IV.* *Sir John Howard* was lord, which *Sir John* on his death, in 1437, left to *Henry Howard* his second son, by the lady *Alice*, daughter of *Sir William Tendring*, his 2d wife, the manor of *Terrington Howard's*, and *East Walton*, &c. whose daughter and sole heir, *Elizabeth*, brought it by marriage to *Henry*, 2d son of *Roger Wentworth*, Esq. of *Nettledon* in *Suffolk*, (who died seized of it the 22d of *Edward IV.*) by whom he had *Roger Wentworth* of *Codham*, *Suffolk*, Knt. who died in the 39d of *Henry VIII.* and by *Anne* his wife, daughter and heir of *Humphrey Tyrell* of *Warley*, in *Essex*, (second son of *Sir Thomas Tyrell*, of *Heron*, in *Essex*) had *Sir John Wentworth* of *Codham*, and *Gosteld*, who had livery of this manor in the 31st of *Henry VIII.* and dying *September 3, 1567*, was buried at *Gosfield*, in *Essex*; leaving by *Anne*, his wife, daughter of ——— *Bettenham*, of *Pluckley*, in *Kent*, Esq. two daughters and coheirs, *Mary*, (married to *Thomas Lord Wentworth*) who died without issue; and *Ann*, married first to *Sir Hugh Rich*, son and heir to *Richard*, Lord *Rich*; afterwards to *Henry Lord Matrevers*, son and heir to *Henry Fitz Alan* Earl of *Arundel*,<sup>3</sup> and third to *Sir William Dean*, of *Deans-Hall*, in *Great Maplested*, in *Essex*: this Lady *Anne*, then Lady *Matrevers*, had livery of this lordship, about the 19th of *Elizabeth*, and being sole heiress to her father, had a great inheritance; the manors of *Wyston*, those of *Overhall*, and *Netherhall*, in *Possingford*, *Cavendish*, *Impeys*, *Hinktons*, and *Bully Hall* in *Clare*, in *Suffolk*, *Gerener's* in *Withermondeford*, &c. and in jointure, *Syllingham* manor, *Nortofts*, in *Finchingfeld*, *Chilterditch*, *Belchamp-Otto*, *Belchamp William*, *Overhall*, in *Gestingthorp*, *Hodinge*, with *Park-Hall* in *Gosfield*, *Belhous-hall*, and *Shardelows*, *Codham-Hall*, *Tostington*, *Cheyneys*, *Hampton*, *Wychards*, *Woodmancote*, cum *Northwood*, *Nutbeams*, *Wolbeding*, *Nicholls*, in *Schaldeford*, and *Gorings*, all in *Essex*.

<sup>3</sup> He was son and heir of *Henry Earl Dorset*, and died without issue, aged 19, of *Arundel*, by *Katherine* his wife, at *Brussels*, and was there buried in daughter of *Thomas Grey Marquis of* 1556.

In the 11th of *Elizabeth*, this manor was conveyed to her husband, *Sir William Dean*, with the manor of *East Walton*, by fine, but this had no effect, for in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, by indenture, dated *April 24*, she demised to *Jerome Bettenham*, and *James Walton*, the manor of *Tyrington Howard's*, in *Tyrington*, and that of *East Walton*, and that of *St. John's* in *Norfolk*; \* those of *Overhall*, *Netherhall*, *Howton*, *Impey*, and *Bulley-Hall*, in *Poslingford*, *Hindon*, *Stansfield*, *Candish*, and *Clare*, in *Suffolk*, for 200 years, next after the death of the said *Lady Matrevers*, who was buried at *Gosfield*, in *Essex*, *January 10*, 1580.

By an inquisition taken (*post mortem*) *January 14*, in the 7th of *Charles I.* at *Ipswich*, it was found that *Sir Edward Villiers*, *Knt.* died seized of the manor of *Terrington Howard's*, *Ooverhall*, and *Netherhall*, in *Poslingford*; the manors of *Impeys* and *Bulby-Hall*, &c. in *Suffolk*, and that by *Barbara* his wife, daughter of *Sir John St. John*, he had a son and heir, *William Villiers*, aged 20, in 1625; the will of *Sir Edward* bears date *August 3*, 1625, but he died *February 2*, 1626.

After this it came to the *Hovels*, and so to *Fowlkes*.

In 1653, *Martin Fowlks*, *Esq.* was lord of *Tyrington Howard's*, &c. see in *Hillington*.

*William Folkes*, *Esq.* the present lord.

*Ralph de Stretton*, (who in 1234, with his parceners, as is observed before, held the fourth part of a fee in this town) had heirs of the same name, who inherited it.

*Sir Godfrey de Stratton*, the last, had a daughter and heir *Alice*, who married *Roger Cavendish*, whose daughter and coheir, *Margaret*, married 1st to ——— *Leveney*, after to *Thomas Barsham*: his daughter and heir *Catherine*, by *William Southcote*, of *Battlebridge*, in *Surry*, *Esq.* had a daughter and heir *Elizabeth*, married first to *Richard Langham*, and after to *Richard Weldon*: this *Elizabeth Weldon*, widow, by a letter of attorney dated *February 19*, in the 15th of *Edward IV.* empowers *Thomas St. John*, *Esq.* to enter into all lands in *Tirrington*, and *Feltwell*, *Norfolk*, and in *Assington* in *Suffolk*.

#### DUNTON'S ALIAS MARSHALL'S MANOR, AND MONK'S.

*Hugh de Duntone* was lord in *Henry the Third's* time.

In the 12th of *Edward I.* *Hugh*, son of *Alan de Dunton*, had lands conveyed to him by fine, which he purchased of *Thomas Picot* of this town, and *Agnes* his wife; and in the said year, *Walter*, son of *Adam*, of *Tirington*, sold lands to him here.

*William*, son of *John Le Moyne*, or *Monk*, held here with his tenants the 12th part of a fee, in the 21st of the said reign as he did in *Henry the Third's* time, of the Lord *Bardolf*.

In the 14th of *Edward II.* a fine was levied between *William de Dunton* and *Alice* his wife, and Master *John Howard*, of lands conveyed to *William* and *Alice*; and in the 17th of the said King, another was levied wherein lands here were conveyed to *Geffrey Le Mareshall* of *Tirington*, from *Thomas le Grey*, of the same town, and *Alice* his wife. *Walter Marschall* was witness to a deed of *Sir Henry Walpole*, in the time of *Henry III.*

\* Term. Trinit. N. 4.

*William Monk* was found (as appears from the eschaet rolls) in the 3d of *Edward III.* to hold a manor called *Terington Monks*, by the fourth part of a fee, of the Lord *Bardolf*.

In the 16th of the said King, there was a pleading between *Peter Fawks*, and *Robert*, son of *William Moncks*, for a messuage, 55 acres of land, and 200 of marsh, in this town and *Tilney*; which *Peter* proved to be conveyed by *Will. Moncks*, father of *Robert*, to *Robert*, father of *Peter*; and in the 20th of the same King, *Adam de Walsham*, and his parceners, were found to hold the 12th part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, which *Will.* son of *John Monk* and his tenants formerly held: Sir *William de Dunton* was then a commissioner of the banks, &c.

*John Dunton* was, in 25th of that reign, by an inquisition *post mortem*, found to hold lands here, in *North Clenchwarton*, and *North Lynn*; and another *John Dunton* was found to die possessed of the same, in the 43d of the aforesaid King.

In the 1st of *Richard II.* *John Marshall*, of *Terington*, &c. conveyed lands in *Tydde St. Mary*, to *John Noon*, of *Tilney*, and *Margaret* his wife; his seal was quarterly, in the 1st and 4th -----, in the 2d and 3d a mullet; and *Laurence Trusbut*, *John Kervil*, &c.

*Walter Noon*, clerk, confirmed to *Walter Trayt* and *Katharine*, his wife, for the life of *Katharine*, an annuity of 5 marks, issuing out of 6 messuages, 130 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 40 of marsh, pasture for 300 sheep, 40s. rent, and the rent of one quarter of salt, in this town, formerly, belonging to *John Marchall*;—witnesses, Sir *John de Ingaldesthorp*, Sir *Henry de Rocheford*, *Robert Kervil*, *Walter Godard*, *Richard Blowere*, *Steph. Gyboun*, *Symon Calwe*, and *Walter Balding*; dated at *Tyrington*, in the 11th of *Henry IV.*

In the 5th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter* had the 4th part of a fee in this town, held by Sir *John Howard*, the 8th part of a fee held by Sir *Philip Braunch*, and the 8th part of one, held by *William Marchale*, as parcel of the honour of *Wirmegay*, as appears from the eschaet rolls, and *John Earl of Somerset* was his son, aged 24 years.

By an inquisition taken *post mortem*, in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, *Henry Repps*, Esq. was found to have held the manor of *Dunton's alias Marshale's* in this town, of that Queen, as of the honour of *Wirmegay*, by the 8th part of a fee; a messuage and 33 acres of land, (in *Walpole*) with 12 of pasture, of Sir *John Wenteworth*, of his manor in *Terington*, by fealty, and paying 6s. *per ann.*

#### GODARD'S MANOR.

In 1233, *Thomas*, son of *Godard*, held the third part of a fee in *Middleton*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, and lands here, and a fine was levied in the 31st of *Edward III.* of lands conveyed by *William Alysander* and *Margaret* his wife, to *Nicholas Godard*; as *William Howard*, of *Wigenhale*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, did to *Nicholas* and *Walter Godard*, in the 3d of *Richard II.*

About this time *Walter Godard* was lord of *Denver's*, in *Walpole*, as may be there seen, by the marriage of the heiress of that family.

*Robert Godard*, Esq. was living in the 12th of *Henry VI.* son and

heir of *Walter*, and held a lordship here and in *Walpole* of *Joan*, abbess of *Elnestow* in *Bedfordshire*, and was buried in *Tyrington* church, in 1448:

After this *William Godard*, Esq. a judge of the King's Bench, had an interest herein, and *Cutharine* his wife, who died in 1464; and in the 12th of *Edward IV.* *John Well*, of *Wisbeach*, and *Agnes* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Godard*, conveyed lands to *Henry Balding*, Esq. and *Gregory Gybbon*, of *West Lynn*, Esq.

### BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR.

This was the principal manor of this town, and belonged to the Bishop's great lordships of *West Walton*,<sup>3</sup> *Wisbech*, &c. which extended into this town.

In the 31st of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Hugh* Bishop of *Ely*, petent, and *John*, son of *Wace*, deforciant, of customs and services, which the Bishop demanded for the free tenement, held of the Bishop, in *Tyrington*, with 45 acres, for which he was to pay 20s. sterling yearly, granted to him by the Bishop, on the payment of 15s. 4d. per ann. saving to the Bishop the general aid, when it was to be levied through the bishoprick, upon his freemen, by the King's precept.

In the 35th of that King, the Bishop had a grant of free warren in all his demean lands here.

In his 52d year, a fine was levied between *Walter de Hemenhale* and *Hugh Bishop*, wherein *Walter* released all his right in this manor and advowson, to the Bishop and his successors; except 40 acres of land, 40s. rent, 10 acres of meadow, 20 of marsh, and 10 of pasture. About this time *Ralph de Tyrington* held 3 virgates\* of land of the Bishop of *Ely*, in *Liverington*, paying 5s. 4d. per ann. and *Andrew de Tyrington* half a virgate, in *Walpole*, paying 17s. 10d.

In the 5th of this King there was an extent made of this manor, as appears from the register of the Bishop of *Ely*, in the *Cottonian* library,<sup>7</sup> now in the *Museum*; the jury present it to be in the liberty of that Bishop in *Marshland*, that his bailiff might hold pleas of all that the sheriff might, with writ and without, assise of bread and beer, and amercements of his tenants, wreck at sea, the patronage of the church of *Tyrington*, and of the chapel of *St. John's*, towards the marsh, with all the tithes, except two parts of the tithe of the land of *William*, son of *William* here; and the fee of Sir *William Bardolf*, called knight's-land; the demeans of the manor consisted of 497 acres 1 rood and a half, by the lesser hundred, and the perch of 7 feet, which might be ploughed with 6 oxen, and 6 scotts to harrow, and carry the corn and dung; the meadows were 269 acres and half a rood, fresh pasture 46 acres, 3 roods and a half, salt pasture 1210 acres, all held by severalty.

The towns of *Tyrington*, *Tylney*, *Walpole*, *Walton*, and the soke of

<sup>3</sup> See in *West Walton*.

<sup>6</sup> A virgate or yard-land, contained 40 acres, or 4 fardels; though some make

a virgate but 24 acres, &c.

<sup>7</sup> *Claudius*, C. XI. fol. 182.

*Walsokene*, were to common and dig turfs, &c. in the marsh, called *West Fen*, but none could sell, or give any turfs away without leave of all the lords, having common within the boundary thereof, being 3 miles long, and 2 and a half broad, &c. the stock was 12 cows, one bull, 6 hogs, one boar, and 1400 sheep, by the greater hundred, 2 windmills: the free tenants are there named, and one of them had a salt pit, or work, called *Collwayneshill*, paying 10 bleds<sup>a</sup> of salt: the Bishop ought to have 2 parts of wreck at sea, and royal fishes, and the prior of *Lewes* one part, the finder to have 4d. the Bishop and prior to pay all charges, &c.

In an account of the Bishop of *Ely*'s revenue here, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, (*Edmund Pierpont*, receiver) it amounted to 17s. 7s. ob. q. per ann.

It remained in the see of *Ely* till the death of Dr. *Cox*, in 1581, when it came to the Crown by an act of Parliament made in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, which empowered her to grant and convey the impropriate tithes, glebe lands, &c. of rectories, (lodged in the Crown on the dissolution of religious houses) to several episcopal sees; and for her to take into the right of the Crown, (on the vacancy of any see) any part of the honours, castles, manors, lands, &c. of the said sees; as should amount to the yearly value of such rectories impropriate, to be settled on them for ever; and thus this goodly manor, with many other belonging to the see of *Ely*, came to the Crown, on the death of Bishop *Cox* aforesaid.

In 1590, *Thomas* and *Richard Ladd*, alias *Baker*, farmed it of Queen *Elizabeth*: *Richard* had a lease from Bishop *Thirlby*, dated April 20, in the first of her reign, of the site of the manor of *Tyrington*, with all the houses, barns, &c. also certain customary rents, called bond-days works, with certain lands thereto belonging, but the advowsons of the churches, wards, and many lands were excepted; and the Queen, in the 17th of *March*, in her 27th year, renewed the same.

King *James* I. granted this manor, with all its appertinances, to his eldest son *Henry*, and after to *Charles* Prince of *Wales*. In the 21st of that King, the receiver accounted for 175l. 12s. 3d. q. for rent of the said manor lands, 10l. 12s. 9d. ob. q. perquisites of court, in fines of land only; and for moneys due to the Prince from the customary tenants at the Prince's first coming to this manor, and then paid 11l. 13s. 4d. in the whole 197l. 18s. 5d.

After this it was assigned to Queen *Catherine*, consort of King *Charles* II. as part of her dowry, and was farmed by Sir *James Chapman Fuller*, Baronet; and in the year 1696, was granted to *William Bentink* Earl of *Portland*, by King *William* III.

Count *Bentink*, a younger son of this family, who lives in *Holland*, is lord of it, and of the greatest part of this town.

The priory of *Ely* had also lands here in 1428, held of the Bishop's fee, valued with their rent in salt, then at 50s. per ann.

<sup>a</sup> 12 bleds made one wey of salt.



## PRIOR OF LEWES'S MANOR.

This was part of the said Prior's manor of *West-Walton*, and extended into this town, to which the reader is referred. The temporalities of the priory in 1428, were valued at 12*l.* 3*s.* 2*d.* ob.

And in the 5th of *Edward III.* Sir *John Howard* was found to hold part of this fee of the prior, as appears from the escheat rolls.

*Walter Tirington* LL.D. was a celebrated writer and author, and born in this town, as was *John Colton*, first master of *Gonville-Hall* in *Cambridge*, and preferred to the primacy of *Ireland*, by King *Henry IV.* Archbishop of *Armagh* in *Ireland*.<sup>9</sup>

*Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed in 1262, to the monks of *Cas-tleacre*, two parts of the tithes of the demeans of *William Alwin*, held by him of the Lord *Bardolf*. This was the portion that priory held here, valued at 30*s.* *per ann.* in 1428.

In the 6th of *Edward II.* *Jeffrey Sutton* aliened to the priory of *Westacre*, 60 acres of land here, and in *Tilney*, *Wigenhale*, &c.

*John Wigenhale* aliened in the 7th of the said King, to the said priory, a messuage and 60 acres of land, and 12 of pasture here, in *Tilney* and *Wigenhale*.

There were certain rents of salt here payable by divers persons who held of the fee of Sir *William de Tirington*, to the prioress of *St. Cross* of *Bungey*, viz. of *Walter*, son of ——— *de Marham*, for one messuage; 3 acres and a half in his croft, 2 combs of salt, &c. as appears from a roll of the prioress of *St. Crosse* of *Bungey*, *sans* date, amongst the evidences of the Duke of *Norfolk*.

It may be observed that few towns in this hundred, lying near the *Ouse*, &c. were without salt-pits, or salt-works, at the conquest and after.

In the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Thomas Walbot* held a close of pasture (given to find a lamp burning for ever in this church) of the manor of *East-Greenwich*, by knight's service.

This was an ancient family; Sir *Robert de Causton* purchased lands here of *Adam Walbode* and *Julian* his wife, in the 21st of *Edward III.*

Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 27th year, demised to *Thomas Sydney*, Gent. 5 acres of land called *Bower's Hill* in *Terrington*, with 4 acres and 3 roods called *Cobheshill*, and *Tookeshill*, for 21 years, paying 22*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* dated *July 3*, probably belonging to the Bishop of *Ely's* land.

The tenths were 14*l.* 14*s.* 1*d.*

The CHURCH of *Tyrington* is dedicated to *St. Clement*, and is a very beautiful, large, and noble building of free-stone, in the form of a cathedral church. On the battlements of the south isle of this church are these shields carved on the stone-work, *gules*, an eagle displayed, *or*, *Godard*; quarterly, *or* and *gules*, in the first quarter, an annulet in a bordure, *sable*, bezanty, *Rochford*; *gules*, three dexter gauntlets, pendent, *argent*, one surmounted by a canton, *checque*, *or*

<sup>9</sup> Bale Scriptor. Britan. p. 92. Fuller's Worthies in Norfolk.

and azure, *Denver*; *gules*, a bend between six crosslets, fitché, *argent*, *Howard*; *sable*, a chevron, between three crosses, patonce, or, *Fordham* Bishop of *Ely*, in whose time this church seems to be built; a fess ingrailed between three roses, or cinquefoils; *gules*, a fess, between six cross crosslets, or, *Beauchamp*; *azure*, three cinquefoils, or, *Bar-dolf*; three escallops, ——— on a chevron, three lis, — — — —, —; benefactors no doubt to this building.

At the west end of the nave is an altar monument;

*Sub hoc marmore dormiunt Johs. Henson, A.M. vicarius hujus ecclesie p. annos LX, obt. Ao. D'ni. M DCC. XI. etat. LXXXVI, et Elizab. dulcissima ejus conjux, filia et soror Johs. Dickinson de burgo St. Petri. Mane evigilaverimus; with the arms of Henson, azure, a chevron, between three suns in their glory, or, and a bordure, ermine, impaling Dickinson, on a saltire, five crosses.*

The top of the fount is neatly carved; it opens, and on the pannels are painted our Saviour and the four Evangelists.

*Voce pater natus, corpore flamen ave. Mat. 3.*

In the north transept or cross, lies a gravestone with the arms of *Barker*, per fess, nebulee, *azure* and or, three martlets counterchanged, and a canton, *ermin*, for

*Peter Barker, gent. who died May 23, 1688, and for Elizabeth, wife of Thurgood Upwood, gent. first wife of P. Barker, buried April 12. 1690.*

¶ On a pillar here, a copartment of marble, with the arms of *Askham*, *gules*, a fess, or, between three dolphins embowed, *argent*, impaling *Bury*, *ermine*, an a bend, *azure*, between two cottises, *gules*, three lis, or; crest, a dolphin embowed.

*Near to this place lyeth John Ascham, Esq. born at Boston in Lincolnshire, and Mary his wife, one of the daughters of Sir William Bury of Grantham in Lincolnshire, knight, and sister to the Lord Chief Baron Bury; he departed, &c. May 3, 1675, she June 8, 1704.*

*Anthony*, first son, died unmarried. 2d, *Thomas*, married *Elizabeth* daughter of *William Rookby*, Esq. 3d, *Dingly Aschum* married *Frances*, daughter of *Robert Clarke*, Gent. who in remembrance of his parents set this up at his charge.

At the east end of the nave, on a gravestone with a brass plate:

*Orate p. a'rab; Johs. Coraunt, et Johanne consortis sue, qui quidem Johes decessit iii die mensis Aprilis, Ao. D'ni. Mil'imo ccccc xxviii. quorum a'rab; p'pitietur, Deus, Amen.*

At the east end of the south isle, in the south transept, on a gravestone,

*H.S.E. Richard. Pratt denat. 15 Novemb. 1669, qui annum agens supra septuagessimum, postquam fatis cessit, extinct. vivit, et nunc sepults. loquitur, te rogans (viator) ut mori cogites, priusquam moriaris, hujus conjux charissima Lucia, filia Johs. Orwell Eliensis, non procul a se repocita dormit, cujus epitaphium scripsit ipse Solomon 31, Prov. 29, 30,*

*prolem si queras en Luciam, Annam, Janam, Catharinam, filias iiii, præter filium unicum Gerosium adhuc superstitem, qui hocce amoris simul et mæroris monumentum, L. M. Q. P. with the arms of Prat, impaling Orwell, a chevron ermine between three lions rampant.*

Here also is an old marble gravestone, deprived of its brass plate, and has now a modern inscription for

*Robert Wardele, Esq. late major in the militia, and justice of the peace in this county, who died October 24, 1700, ætat. 60, with this shield, a chevron between three boars heads, couped, on a chief three roundlets.*

On a gravestone in the middle of the nave or body of the church,

*In memory of Henry Pratt, first son of Richard Pratt of Terrington gent. who died 1659, and for Christopher his 7th son, (by Ann his 3d wife) who died 1655, both infants.*

On a gravestone in the chancel, with the arms of Upwood, quarterly, in the first and fourth, a chevron, between three heads, erased, sable, quartering, argent, three cocks, gules, Cockain, in 2d and 3d.

*In memory of Samuel Upwood, Esq; who died September 7, 1716, in his 38 year.*

Against the north wall of the chancel is a small mural monument for,

*Dorothy, wife of Mr. John Edwards, daughter of Thorogood Upwood, Esq; who died Feb. 15, 172½, aged 40; with the arms of Edwards, ermin, a lion rampant, guardant, azure, on a canton, an eagle displayed, sable, impaling Upwood.*

Here was also formerly buried in this church, *Thomas Dudley*, descended from the Lord *Dudley*, with this epitaph,

*Hic jacet Tho. Sutton, filius Thomæ Sutton, nuper de Milton, filij D'ni Johs. Sutton, D'ni de Dudley.\**

Also a gravestone for *Elizabeth Sutton*, wife, as I take it, of the aforesaid *Thomas Sutton*, Esq.

*Hic jacet, Eliz. Sutton, filia Roberti Godard; with the arms of Sutton, impaling Godard and Denver quarterly.\**

The said *Robert Godard* was also here buried.

*Hic jacet Robt. Godard, armiger, 1448; and on his gravestone Godard and Denver quarterly.*

And on another gravestone,

*Hic jacet Rick'us Zorke quondam burgens. ville Berwic sup. Tweade.*

Also *William Baldyng*, priest, in 1509, and *Thomas Howard*, as appears (and requested by his will) in 1548.

In a window over the uppermost arch on the south side of the nave, are the arms of *Godard* and *Denver*, impaled.

\* Weaver's Funeral Monuments, p. 818.

\* By this it appears that the Godards married an heiress of the Denver.

On the woodwork of the roof of the nave, is an anchor carved, the insignia of St. Clement, to whom the church is dedicated. Also a plain cross.

And formerly here was or a demy eagle in pale, *sable*, impaling or, semy de lis, *sable*, Mortimer, as I take it; and *sable*, a sword in pale, *argent*, hilted and pomelled, or.

In the churchyard, by the south porch door, an altar tomb,

*In memory of William Crane, senior, who died November 26, 1709, aged 65, and of his 3 sons, Robert, Nathaniel, and William*

Also memorials for,

*Peter Darley, senior, who died October 28, 1710, aged 65.—for Peter Darley, junior, who died November 11, 1716, aged 45.—for Edmund Richards gent. who died December 18, 1624, in his 52 year; and for Mr. John Richards who died July 14, 1713, aged 67.*

The rectory of the church of St. Clement's was anciently valued at 100 marks *per ann.* Peter-pence were 18*d.* the present valor is 34*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is now a sinecure, and pays first fruits, &c.

The prior of Castleacre had a portion of tithe valued at 30*s.* *per ann.*

## RECTORS.

*Luke de Flete, tem. Edward I. rector.*

*Brancalco de Lavanne, occurs rector 24th of Edward I.*

1336, *Richard de Murymouth*, presented by the King, the temporalities of the see of Ely being in the King's hands; he was the King's chaplain, and presented by him in 1328, to the rectory of North Fambridge in Essex, rector of Ryseburgh, dean of Wymbourne free chapel, prebendary of Orgate in St. Paul's, and of Banbury in the church of Lincoln.

1342, *Mr. William Bryan.*

1342, *Edmund de Gunvill*, founder of Gonville Hall in Cambridge, presented by the Bishop of Ely.

1351,\* *Mr. Thomas Loring*, by ditto, (rector also of Hinton in Cambridgeshire) on Gunvill's death.

1370, *Mr. Thomas Wyrmenhale*, ditto, LL. D. chancellor to the Bishop of Ely, master of St. Peter's college, Cambridge, and prebend of Chichester.

1381, *Arnold Pynkeny*, ditto; he was buried in the chancel of Cookham church in Berkshire; on his gravestone,

*Hic jacet Dominus Arnoldus de Pinkenny, quond. rector eccles. parochialis de Tyrington, Norwic. dioc. qui obiit 29 die mensis Dec. Ao. Dni. 1402.*

1402, *Mr. John Metfield*, LL. D. licenciate.

\* Newcourt's Repertor. v. i. p. 198.

\* About this time, Fuller in his Worthies says, John Colton was rector: he was the first master of Gunvil Hall in

Cambridge, and afterwards Archbishop of Armagh in Ireland; but it does not appear that he was rector here.

He was chancellor of the diocese of *Ely*, rector of *Leerington* and *Pulham*, archdeacon of *Ely*.

1408, *John Breccles*, by the Bishop, on the resignation of *Metfield*.

1410, *John Bremore*, (on an exchange with *Breccles* for a canonry in the church of *Chichester*) by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1418, *William Derby*, ditto, archdeacon of *Bedford*, 1431.

1429, Mr. *William Hertlond*, LL. B. vicar also of this church.

Mr. *Dreuco Malefrount*.

1454, Mr. *Robert Thwaites*, S. T. P. collated by the Bishop.

1458, *Alexander Woderington*.

1466, Mr. *John Rowcliff*, decret. Dr. by the chancellor of *Ely*.

1499, Mr. *William Plome*.

1504, *Edward Redmayne*.

1543, Mr. *John Crayford*, S. T. P. rector of *Stanford Rivers* in *Essex*, master of *Clare-Hall* in *Cambridge*, afterwards master of University college in *Oxford*, prebendary in the churches of *St. Paul's*, *Salisbury*, and *Winchester*, chancellor of *Salisbury*, and archdeacon of *Berks*.

About 1550, *Miles Spencer*, LL. D. prebend of the church of *York*, rector of *Wilby*, then of *Heveningham* and *Redenhale* in *Norfolk*, chancellor of *Norwich*, archdeacon of *Sudbury*, dean of the college of *St. Mary in the Fields*, at *Norwich*, vicar of *Soham* in *Cambridgeshire*.

1569, *William Sanderson*, A. M. by *George Gardiner*, S. T. P. *huc vice*.

1589, *Edward Stanhope*, LL. D. by *William Cooper*, Esq. *huc vice*: he was rector of *Brockley* in *Suffolk*, prebend of *Botevant* in the church of *York*, and of *Kentish town* in *St. Paul's*, chancellor to the Bishop of *London*, and vicar general to the archbishop of *Canterbury*, died in 1608, being then a knight, and was buried in *St. Paul's*; he was brother to *John*, Lord *Stanhope* of *Harrington*.

1608, *Simon Wells*, S. T. P. by the executors of Sir *Edward Stanhope*.

1609, *Richard Hunt*, S. T. P. (on *Wells's* resignation) also vicar of this church, prebend of *Canterbury*, dean of *Durham*, and there buried; presented by Sir *John Stanhope*, Knight.

1638, *Samuel Ward*, S. T. P. presented by the chancellor, master and scholars of the University of *Cambridge* patrons; King *James I.* on *August 26*, ao. 9, granted it to that University to be annexed to the *Margaret* professorship of divinity, and Dr. *Ward* was the first that enjoyed it, prebend of *Ampleford*, in the church of *York*, and master of *Sidney* college *Cambridge*.

1660,<sup>†</sup> *John Pearson*, S. T. P. afterwards Bishop of *Chester*.

1673, *Ralph Widdrington*, S. T. P.

167-, *Humphrey Gower*, S. T. P. master of *Jesus*, after of *St. John's* college, *Cambridge*, and prebend of *Ely*.

1711, *Robert Jenkin*, S. T. P. master of *St. John's* college, *Cambridge*, by the University of *Cambridge*.

<sup>†</sup> Rich. Love, clerk, was presented to this rectory in 1644, and then compounded. October 4, for first fruits; he was D. D. master of *Corpus Christi*

college in *Cambridge*, &c. and died soon after, and is not entered in the Institution Books.

1727, *Thomas Lambert*, D.D. master of *St. John's college, Cambridge*.  
 1735, *John Newcome*, D. D. dean of *Peterborough*.

In the 19th of *Henry VI.* a fine was levied between *Lewis*, perpetual administrator, in the spirituals and temporals of the church of *Ely*, querent, *Thomas Shouldham* and *Margaret* his wife, deforcients, of the advowson of this church, settled on the church of *Ely*, quit of the heirs of *Margaret*.

The ancient valor of the vicarage was 40 marks *per ann.* the present valor is 23l. 6s. 8d. and stands charged for first fruits; &c.

# VICARS.

In 1266, *Semannus* occurs vicar.

1313, Mr. *John de Felmingham*, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1332, Mr. *Walter de Istelop*.

1335, *John le Moygne*.

1348, *John de Bonynghon*, by the Bishop's vicar-general.

Mr. *Walter de Eston*, prebend of *Huntingdon*, the church of *Hereford*.

1383, *John Billing*, an exchange for *Aldenham* in *Herefordshire*.

1388, *John Billing*, by the King; the temporalities then in the King.

1414, *Simon Derby*.

1420, Mr. *John Oteringham*.

1424, Mr. *John Gryme*, LL. B. on an exchange for *Dry-Drayton*.

*William Hertland*, rector also, (buried in the chancel 1454, as he wills) by Mr. *Derby*, late rector.

1454, Mr. *John Peyson*, S. T. B.

1474, *Robert Fenton*.

1499, Mr. *William Doughty*, LL. B.

Mr. *Henry Mynnes*.

1500, *Richard Porter* admitted to the church of *Tyrington*, (the vicarage; as I take it, but not said which)\* the see of *Norwich* being void.

1540, Mr. *Robert Evans*.

1554, Mr. *Christopher Barton*.

*Marmaduke Wood*.

1569, *William Sanderson*, A. M. by the Queen.

1574, *Henry Warren*.

1582, *John Waters*.

1603, *Richard Hunt*, S. T. P. (also rector) by the King.

1638, *Thomas Drayton*.

*Michael Beresford*, vicar.

1661, *John Henson*.

1711, *Henry Swetenham*, by the Queen.

1740, *Henry Robinson*, by the King.

There is a chapel dedicated to *St. John*, belonging to this church where the vicar of *Tyrington* is to perform duty and service; and seems to be built in 1423, license being then granted to *John Billing*,

\* Regist. Cantuar.

vicar, to build a chapel in the lordship of the Bishop of *Ely*, at the cross called *Peykes-cross*, to the honour of God and the Holy Cross: and in 1428, mention is made of a pilgrimage to *Tyrington St. John's*.<sup>7</sup>

It is said to be made parochial and free from the church of *St. Clement*, by *Thomas* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in 1530, but I find no institution to it as a parochial church, and remains at this time a chapel to the said church, for the service of the parishioners, being about 2 miles from the mother church.

It is a regular pile, with a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel covered with lead, a square stone tower with four pinnacles and 4 bells standing at the south-west corner.

In this chapel were the arms of *Denver*, and *Inglethorp*, also sable, three anchors, *argent*; and *argent* on a chevron, *azure*, three cinquefoils in a bordure, *or*; and an effigies of one on his knees holding the arms of *Denver*, and a legend,

*Orate p. ani. Joh. Denevere.*

In the chapel-yard is an altar tomb erected

*To the memory of John Farthing, of Gayton, in Norfolk, Gent: who died May 18, 1712, aged 56: erected by his brother, James Farthing, of King's Lynn, merchant.*

The Bishop of *Norwich*, on *September 5, 1422*, translated the feast of the dedication of the church of *St. Clement*, from the octaves of *St. Martin*, and of the church, or chapel of *St. John* annexed to it, from the feast of the seven sleepers, to the 24th of *September*.

Here was also a free chapel dedicated to *St. James*, as appears from the following institutions:

### CHAPLAINS.

1300, *Roger Mayl*, presented by the Bishop of *Norwich*, to the chapel of the manor of *William Batayle*, of *Tyrington*.

1302, *Peter de Creyk*, to the free chapel of *St. James*, by *William Batayle*.

1304, *Giles de Thorp*. Ditto.

1313, *Richard de Tyrington* to the chantry, &c. by *William Batayle*.

1338, *William Oky*, to the free chapel, in the manor formerly *Sir William Tyrington's*, by *Thomas Howard*, *William Alisandre*, *Sir John Bardolf*, &c.

1340, *Thomas Marshall*, by *William Alisaundre*, *Thomas Howard* and *John*, son of *William Howard*, of *Wigenhale* and *Sir Thomas Bardolf*.

1349, *William Briton*, by *John Bardolf*, *Thomas Howard*, &c.

1351, *Thomas Walbot*, by *William Alisandre*, &c.

*Martin Andrew*.

1367, *Thomas Caylly*, by *Sir Robert Causton*, Knt. and *William Alisandre*.

1384, *Robert Atte-Bek*, by *Sir John Tudenham*, Knt. &c.

1416, *Alan Gele*, by *Thomas Lovell*, Esq.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Surflete, Norw.

1424, Mr. *Thomas White*, by *Nicholas Lovell*.

1473, Mr. *John Saucer*, A. M. by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse,

1479, *John Thorn*, by *Henry Wentworth Esq.*

1503, *Richard Paorte*, by *William Lovell*, of *Wretton*.

1522, *John Knight*, by *Roger Wentworth Esq.*

1529, *Robert Wentworth*, by Sir *Roger Wentworth*, Knt.

This free chapel on its dissolution in King *Edward the Sixth's* time, was valued at 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.* and in 1571, the tithe corn and hay belonging to it, is said to be worth 7*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.*

Several towns in *England* take their names from *Ter*, as *Terlinge* in *Essex*, *Terring*, in *Sussex*, *Tersal*, in *Nottinghamshire*.

## WALPOLE

**T**AKEs its name from the great wall, or sea bank, raised to defend it, and from a pool, or deep water near to that wall. Of this great parish, only this account is to be found in the great survey, or book called *Domesday*.

*John*, nephew of *Waleran*, held in *Walpola* half a carucate of land, with 6 borderers, who had half a carucate valued at 5*s.* *per ann.* which was possessed by a freeman in the Confessor's time.\* *Waleran* was some officer under the Conqueror, and Earl of *Mellant*, in *Normandy*. He held also one in *Ringstead*, one in *Hunstanton*, and in *Titchwell*, in *Smithden* hundred;—also in *Weyland* hundred, the lordships of *Carbrook Magna* and *Parca*;—in *Shropham* hundred, one at *Brettenham*; and one at *Saxlingham*, in the hundred of *Hensted*. All which he had of the gift of the Conqueror, and dying before the survey was made, they were then held by *John*, his nephew and heir.

### EARL OF CLARE'S MANOR.

How long it continued in this *John's* possession does not appear; probably on his death it was granted to the *Giffard's* family, Earls of *Bucks*, who had considerable possessions in this tract and neighbourhood; and by the marriage of a daughter and heiress of *Giffard*, the second Earl, was brought into the family of the Earls of *Clare*.

In the 47th of *Henry III.* *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Clare* was found, as appears from the escheat rolls, to have held lands in *Walpole*, by knight's service.

In the 52d of that King *Hamon Moynstrail* had a manor here, which I take to be this; and then gave license of distress for rent due

\* Terre Joh. nepotis W.—Walpola ten. lib. ho. T. R. E. dim. car. tre. sep. vi bor. et dim car. et val. v sol.



to the prioress of *Carhow*, for lands in *Hecham*; and in the 7th of *Edward I.* *Adam Mustroil* settled lands here, and in *Hunstanton*, on *Hamon* his son, by fine.

In the 21st year of King *Edward I.* *John Lovell* and his tenants held this manor by the 3d part of a fee, of the Earl of *Gloucester*, and in the 1st of *Edward II.* *John Lovell* of *Tichmersh*, settled it with that of *Hunstanton*, on *William Lovell*, and the heirs of his body, by fine then levied: the said *William* was found in the 8th of that King to die seized of it, held of the honour of *Clare*.

It appears, in the 20th of *Edward III.* from the inquisitions, that *William Lovell*, and his tenants held in *Walpole* the 3d part of a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, which *John Lovell* formerly held, and had a charter for free-warren in all his demean lands here, and in *Hunstanton*; and in the 22d of *Richard II.* *Roger Mortimer*, Earl of *March*, was found to hold *in capite*, one fee in this town, *Hunstanton* and *Walton*, held by *William Lovell*, as parcel of the honour of *Clare*, and *John Lovell* held the 3d part of a fee of the Earl of *March*, in *Walpole*, and was under age, and the King's ward in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*Edmund Mortimer* Earl of *March* was found to hold one fee in *Walpole*, *Hunstanton* and *Walton*, held by *William Lovell*, in the 3d of *Henry VI.* and in the 13th of *Edward IV.* the jury present that *Robert Fitz Symon* held, the day he died, the manors of *Hunstanton* and *Walpole*, *Mocking*, in *Essex*, *Lillingston*, *Lovell*, in *Oxfordshire*, the moiety of the manor of *Archeater*, in *Northamptonshire*, and that *Joan*, the wife of *Robert Timperley*, was his daughter and heir, then 22 years old.

*John Pell* was lord of *Lovell's* manor, with messuages, lands and tenements in the 19th and in the 42d of *Elizabeth*.

*John Richards*, *alias Glover*, and *Joan* his wife, had a præcipe to deliver to *John Moore*, the manor of *Lovells* in this town, and *Terrington*, &c.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich* October 1, in the 5th year of King *Charles I.* after the death of *Henry Reppes*, Esq. who died the 29d of *March*, 1628; it was found that he died possessed of this manor of *Lovells*, held of the King, of his honour of *Clare*, by knight's service; and is called a decayed and reputed manor.

*Valentine Upwood*, Esq. lord, and *Samuel Upwood* in 1716.

Besides this little lordship, there were two very considerable ones in this township of *Walpole*, one belonging to the church of *Ely*, another to the Earl *Warren*, at the time when *Domesday Book* was made; and yet no account occurs, or is to be found in *Domesday Book*, of these; or any mention made of *Walpole*, (excepting the account of *John*, nephew of *Waleran's* manor above observed) and the reason is that the manor of the aforesaid *John*, was the only independent manor, held *in capite* of the King, in this town, and had its site herein; whereas the lordships of the church of *Ely*, and the Earl *Warren*, though held also *in capite*, were dependent manors, on the church of *Ely's* capital manor of *West Walton*, and *Wisbeach*, and the Earl *Warren's* capital manor, in the said town of *Walton*, which had their sites there, and extended in *Walpole*, *Tyrington*, &c. and so were valued and accounted for under the capital manor of *West Walton*, &c. where, no doubt, all duties and services of those who held lands in

*Walpole*, and *Tyrington*, of the aforesaid Bishop, and Earl, were constantly performed and due.

### ELY MANOR.

*Oswi*, a noble Saxon, and *Leofleda* his wife, father and mother of *Alwyn*, gave, on the admission of their son *Alwyn* into the monastery of *Ely*, (where he became a monk, and was after Bishop of *Elmham*, in *Norfolk*, in 1021,) the manors of *Walpole*, with those of *Wisbeach*, *Walsoken*, *West Walton*, *Tyrington*, in *Norfolk*, *Statchworth*, *Catledge*, *Dullingham*, and *March*, in *Cambridgeshire*, *Denbenham*, *Woodbridge*, and *Brightwell*, in *Suffolk*: \* the said *Leofleda*, was daughter of *Brithnod*, duke and alderman of the *East-Angles*, slain at the battle of *Maldon* in *Essex*, by the *Danes*, in 1003.

On the back part of the stalls, on the north side of the quire, facing the north transept of the cathedral of *Ely*, are some very antique paintings of Saxon Bishops, &c. one representing the Bishop aforesaid, with this writing,—*Alwyn<sup>o</sup>. Episc<sup>o</sup>. Helm.*

Another representing *Brithnod*, and—*Brithnod<sup>o</sup> Dux Northumb.* both being here buried, as tradition will have it.

This lordship continued in the priory, till it was changed into an episcopal see, in the reign of *Henry I.* when it was assigned to the Bishop, as part of his revenue; and in the 35th of *Henry III.* the Bishop of *Ely* had a charter of free warren in all his demean lands in this town.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* the Bishop was found to have return of all writs, and pleas *de namio vetito*, and would not permit the King's bailiff to enter into his liberty within the towns of *West Walton*, *Walsoken*, *Walpole*, and *Tyrington*; the ameracements of all his men within the same, with wreck at sea, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, &c. and besides this, about the said time he was found to have the patronage of the church of *St. Peter*, in *Walpole*, the fees and homages of Sir *Stephen de Marisco*, and Sir *Roger de Mustrail*, the demean lands were 141 acres, a rood and a half of arable land, to be tilled with two ploughs of 6 oxen each, and three scots to harrow; the meadow lands were 30 acres, with 17 of pasture, common of pasture in *West Fen*, &c. the stock was 6 cows, one boar, and 200 sheep, one windmill; the free tenants were *Henry*, son of *Osbert de Walpole*, Sir *Stephen de Marisco*, the lady *Agnes de Walpole*, widow, Sir *William*, son of *Herlewin*, of *Terrington*, the heirs of *Alan*, son of *Algar*, &c.<sup>†</sup>

In the 16th of *Edward III.* the Bishop of *Ely*, and the prior of *Leves*, brought their action against several persons in this town, for hindering the weekly mercate, which they had here on *Thursday*, breaking in pieces the stalls, tumbrell, and pillory, for which they were outlawed, but in the 21st of the said King, had a pardon.

In the year 1454, (*William Grey*, then Bishop of *Ely*) this lordship was valued at 49*l.* 4*s.* 10*d.* per ann. but in an account of it, made in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, it was but 40*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.* q. per ann.

\* Hist. Eliens. Dugd. Mon. Angl. vol. i. p. 94.

† Cotton. Libr. Claudius, c. 11, fol. 192, &c. now in the Museum.

It remained in the see of *Ely*, till the death of Dr. Cor, in 1581, when it came to the Crown, by act of parliament in the 4th of *Elizabeth*, and *Thomas Bendish*, Esq. farmed the demean lands in 1500; and in the 8th of *James I.* the quitrents of the free and customary tenants amounted to 25*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* *q. per ann.* and the farm 18*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.*

And that year granted, November 12, to *John Eldred*, and *J. Verdon*, Gent, (valued at 48*l.* 5*s.* 9*d.*) to farm.

### MARSHE'S, OR COLEVILE'S MANOR.

In the 2d year of King *Richard II.* Sir *William Marsh*, Knt. and *Mary* his wife, conveyed 60 acres of land here by fine to *Thomas de Cockfield*, clerk, *Henry de Lesingham*, and *James Walsham*; this Sir *William* was lord of a manor held under the Bishop of *Ely*; and in the 3d of *Edward I.* *Geffrey de Marisco*, or *Marsh*, held a knight's fee of the Bishop in this town, *Walton*, and *Walsoken*, had the assise of bread and beer, of his tenants, and at the same time Sir *Stephen de Marisco* was a free tenant, or lord of part of this town, whose daughter and heir, *Desiderata*, brought the manor of the family *de Marisco*, to *Roger de Colvile* (by marriage). son of Sir *Roger de Colvile*, of *Caxton* in *Cambridgeshire*.

In the 15th of *Edward I.* a fine was levied between *Jeffrey de Sandiaere*, and *Roger*, son of *Roger de Colvile* and *Desiderata* his wife, of this manor, who acknowledged it to be the right of *Desiderata*, and she and her husband *Roger* conveyed it to *Jeffrey* for life, remainder to the heirs of *Desiderata*. This *Roger* died in the 28th of that King, and left *Jeffrey* his son and heir.

Sir *John Colvile* and his tenants held, in the 3d of *Henry IV.* (as appears by an inquisition then taken at *Bishop's Lynn*, on Monday before the feast of St. *Agnes* the Virgin, before Sir *John White*, knight, &c.) half a fee in *Walpole*, *Walton*, and *Walsoken*, of the Bishop of *Ely*, and the Bishop held it in capite. In the said year, on Monday next after the feast of the Epiphany, *John Lynstock*, *Nicholas Deguisson*, capellani, grant by deed to Sir *John Colvil*, Knt. *John Manning* of *Crimplesham*, *John Karvill*, of *Wigenhale*, *Richard Pecerell*, of *Tylney*, *Simon Derby*, vicar of *Terrington*, *Edmund Massingham*, of *Walton*, &c. all the manors and lands which they had in *Walpole*, *West Walton*, *Walsoken*, *Emneth*, *Well Barsham*, *Hyndryngham*, *Kettleston*, and *Creyk*, of the gift of *Richard Bennett*;—witnesses, *Walter Goddard*, *Sim. Calow*, *Richard Boure*, *Thomas de Vere*, and *Thomas de Geyton*; and in the 9th of *Henry VII.* *Francis Colvile* died seized of it, and left *Richard*, his son and heir, who died lord of this manor, and one in *Walsoken*, A°. 17 of *Henry VIII.* held of the Bishop of *Ely*.

### WALPOLE'S MANOR.

The truly arcient family of the *Walpoles*, of *Houghton* in *Norfolk*, Earls of *Orford*, were many ages past enfeofft in lands, and a lordship

\* Of this see in *Tyrington*, *Ely* manor.

\* See a particular account of this family in *Walsoken*. p. 123

in this town, from which, according to the Norman custom, they assumed their name. Of this family was *Jeffrey de Walpole*, son of *Reginald*, as appears by deed *sans date*.<sup>4</sup>

Amongst the names of those knights who owed service to the Bishop of *Ely*, as appears from an Exchequer book, *Jocelinus de Walpol* is named to hold half a fee in *Walpol*, *Waltun*, and *Hukebeck*;<sup>5</sup> and among the free tenants of the said Bishop, *Adam de Walpol* is said to hold half a virgate, and a piece of pasture, paying one mark *per ann.* and *Jocelinus de Walpol* half a virgate; *Osbert de Stradsett* the fourth part of a virgate, *John Norman*, *William de Sculham*, *Alan*, son of *Algär*, *Ralph*, son of *Joceline*, and *Roger* his brother, *Andrew de Tirington*, and *William de Camera*, &c.

*Ralph*, son of *Joceline*, appears to have three sons, *Thomas*, *Alan*, and *Richard de Walpole*, from a pleading in the 34th of *Henry III.* when *Peter* and *William de Walpole* were sons of *Thomas de Walpole*. And before this, in the 12th of the said King, a fine was levied between *Claricia*, daughter of *Alan de Walpole*, *Thomas de Cheyle* and *Christian* his wife, *Robert Chamberlain*, and *Mariona* his wife, petents, and *Henry de Walpole*, tenant, of 40 acres of land in this town, granted to *Henry*; and in the 19th of the said reign, *Richard de Walpole* was petent in a fine, and *Walter*, son of *Alan*, and *Katharine* his wife tenant, of lands here. A son of *Joceline*, was a benefactor to the priory of *Lewes*.

About this time lived Sir *Henry de Walpol*, Knight, who by deed, *sans date*, granted to *Thomas de Spalding*, burgess of *Lynn*, for his homage and service, and for 20 marks sterling, certain lands in *Tirington*, to be held of him and his heirs, paying to the lords of the fee the accustomed services and dues, viz. 6d. (*de censu*) at the feast of *St. Michael*, and to him and his heirs one clove at the feast of *St. John Baptist*; witnesses to this deed, *sans date*, are Sir *William de Tirington*, Sir *John de Wygenhale*, Knights; *Hugh de Dunstone*, *Nicholas de Hecham*, *Walter Mureschal*, *William de Mundeford*, *Nicholas de Burw.* *John de Pausey*, clerk, &c.

To this is affixed his seal, a fess between two chevrons; which arms are born at this day by the Earl of *Orford*; of the same family was *Ralph de Walpole*, who was Bishop of *Ely* in the reign of *Edward I.* and bore the same arms.

Before this, it is said that the family removed from *Walpole* to *Houghton* in *Norfolk*, on the marriage of *Richard*, son of *Reginald de Walpole*, with *Emme*, daughter of *Walter*, son of *William de Havelton*, or *Houghton*; but they still continued to have an interest and a manor here.

For in the 5th of *Edward II.* *Henry de Walpole*, (and *Alice* his wife) appears to be lord both of *Houghton* and *Walpole*, by a fine then levied.

In the 3d of that King lands in *Tylney* and *Wigenhale* were settled on *John* son of *Alexander de Walpole*, by *Alexander* his father; and

<sup>4</sup> Notum, &c. quod hoc est finale ex-  
cambium factum inter Hamonem de  
Tidd, fil. Kici de Burc ex una parte et  
Galfr. fil. Reginaldi de Walpole ex al-  
tera parte, qd. p'dict. Hamo dedit p'dict.  
Galfr. un. acra terre in Walpole p. una

acr. terre in Tydd, &c. Hijs testib; Gal-  
fo. Cappellano de Tidd, Tho. Capello.  
de Newton. Jordano de Rosa, Johs. et  
Robo. filijs suis, &c.

<sup>5</sup> Lib. feodor. militum in S'ccio, sub  
titulo Com. Cantab.

in the 6th of the said reign, *Bartholomew de Walpole*, son of *John de Walpole*, and *Catharine* his wife, held lands in *Walpole*.

*Henry*, son of *Henry de Walpole*, by his will, dated 1442, orders his trustees of this manor, to enfeof *Henry* his son, in tail, in the same; and *Thomas Walpole*, Gent. son of *John Walpole*, Esq. by his deed, dated March 30, in the 12th of *Henry VII.* granted to *Thomas Akyn of Walpole*, a messuage, lands, and a salt-work with the grains, &c. in this town.

*John Walpole of Houghton*, Esq. by his will, dated February 28, in the 30 of *Elizabeth*, and proved in April following, bequeaths to *Katharine* his wife, all his lands in *Walpole* and *Walton*, to her and her heirs, towards the preferment of the marriage of his daughters.

### ROCHFORD'S MANOR.

The ancient family of *de Rochford* had also a manor in this town, held, as it seems, of the see of *Ely*. Of these I shall treat as I find them in due order and time, from ancient authentick records and evidences. They take their name from a town in *Essex*, of which they were enfeofed soon after the conquest.

*Waleran de Rochford* was witness to a deed of *Thomas*, son of *Thomas Darcy*, of lands given by him to *Kirksted* abbey in *Lincolnshire*, in the reign of King *Stephen*.<sup>6</sup>

About this time lived *Simon de Rocheford*, who gave lands at *Sotherie* in *Berkshire*, to the priory of *Clarkenwell*,<sup>7</sup> and *Emme* his wife lands to the abbey of *Vaude* or *Valle Dei*<sup>8</sup> in *Lincolnshire*.

*Wido de Rochford* was a witness to the foundation deed of the abbey of *Nutely* in *Bucks*, founded by *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, in the reign of *Henry I.* and *John de Rocheford*, son of *Guy* or *Wido de Rocheford*, was under age, 16 years old, had a brother aged 12, and a sister 13.<sup>9</sup>

This *John* was a ward of King *Henry II.* in his 30th year, and his land at *Rochford* in *Essex* was valued at 12l. per ann. and half *Beredon* in *Essex*, with one hide of the fee of Earl *William*, was 11l. 10s. per ann.

*William de Rocheford*, by deed sans date, gave to the church of *Beverley* in *Yorkshire*, *Thomas de Newton* his villain, cum tota sequela; witnesses, Sir *Thomas de Becock*, *Waleran de Sanctu Letitia*, *Rayner de Aldeburgh*, and Master *Roger de Richmond*.

*Digarius de Rocheford* was seneschal of *Anjou* in *France*, in the first of *Richard I.* *John de Rocheford*, son of *Guy*, (as I take it), paid 10s. scutage to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, towards the redemption of the King, in the 6th or *Richard I.* and in the 8th of that King, paid 20s. for one fee, scutage, for the army in *Normandy*.

*Robert de Rocheford* was a witness to the grant of *Elsenham* church in *Essex*, to the monastery of *Walden*, by *Beatrix de Maundevoile* Lady *Say*; about this time, *John de Rocheford* abovementioned was

<sup>6</sup> MSS. in Bibl. Cotton, Tiberius C. VIII. p. 135.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Clerkenw. in Bibl. Cotton, p.

<sup>9</sup> <sup>8</sup> *Guy de Rochfort*, a *Poictovin*, to

whom the King had given the castle of *Rochester*, is banished, and all his goods confiscated. *Baker's Chron.* p. 36.

<sup>9</sup> Rot. de D'nab; Prioris, &c. in S'ccio.

ving, and had an interest in *Appleton*, and *Plithaam*, in the 20th of *Henry III.*

In the 9th of that King, *John Donetland* conveyed by fine the fourth part of a fee, in *Langeford*, to *Ralph de Rochford*, who granted it back to the said *John* for life, remainder to *Robert de Rocheford*, his brother, and his heirs: and *John* was patron of the church of *Rochford* in *Essex*, in 1219, and lord.

*John de Rochford de Kirby*, and *Margaret* his wife, were living in the 34th of *Henry III.* and in the 40th of that King, *Sir Ralph de Rochford* was querent, and *Eudo* or *Guy de Rochford*, and *Grecia* his wife impediens, of lands in *Seneberch* in *Somersetshire*; and in the 45th of that King, the manor of *Hyptoft Hall* in *Freston*, and *Toft* and *Holland*, in *Lincolnshire*, were conveyed by fine to *Sir Ralph*, &c.

*Sir Guy de Rochford*, lord of *Rochford*, purchased of *John de Burgh Earl of Kent*, all his marshes in *Rochford*, and held in capite at *Berden*, a messuage with a garden, dove-house, above 600 acres of arable land, 6 of meadow, 30 of pasture, and 3s. rent per ann. with a wood, wind-mill, and advowson of the rectory, by the service of one fee, and the patronage of *Rochford*.

In 1272, he was witness, with 10 other *Norfolk* knights, to a deed of *John de Burgh Earl of Kent*, (son and heir of *Hubert de Burgh Earl of Kent*) whereby he granted to his valet, *Baldwin de Cankewell*, the lordship of *Newton* by *Castleacre*; the witnesses were *Sir John de Vaux de Shotesham*, *Tho. Rosselyne*, *William de Weyland*, *Guy de Rochford*, *Richard de Sandchirche*, *Anselm de Geyse*, *John de Bretton*, *Richard de Belhouse*, *William de Gyney*, *William de Calthorp*, Knights, &c. *Sir Guy* died in the following year, 1273.

He was found to hold *Rochford* as the head of his barony, and *Margaret* his widow had her dower in that manor, and marshes of *Foulness*.

On the death of *Sir Guy*, his estate descended to *Sir John de Rochford*, son of a brother of *Sir Guy*, on a *Quo Warranto* brought in the 3d of *Edward I.* on account of wreck of sea, and other privileges belonging to the manor of *Rochford*. The said *John* pleaded that they were given to his uncle *Guy*, by *John de Burgo*, Earl of *Kent*, and confirmed by King *Henry III.*

To this *John*, *Ralph de Rochford* and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed lands by fine, in the counties of *Stafford*, *Derby*, and *Nottingham*; and *Theobald de Nevile* conveyed to the said *Ralph*, the manor of *Fenne* in *Lincolnshire*, and *Grave* in *Warwickshire*, in the 12th of the said King.

*Sir John de Rochford*, *Sir Richard de la Rokeley*, &c. were witnesses to a grant of *Sir William Baud*, Knight, of *Coringham* in *Essex*, of a fat buck and doe, yearly, to the church of *St. Paul* in *London*, in the 30th of that King, in which year he died.

*Sir Robert de Rochford* was his son and heir, and presented to the church of *Rochford*, in 1321. In the 17th of *Edward II.* the King confirmed to him, and *Christian* his wife, the grant of the marshes abovementioned, and it appears by the escheat rolls, that he died in the eleventh year of *Edward III.* that he and *Isabel* his wife, daughter of *William Fitz-Warin*, held the manors of *Rochford* and *Berden*, with 1100 acres of marsh in *Rochford*, and that *Thomas* was his son and heir, aged 25.

About this time lived Sir *Waleran de Rochford*, who with *Jeffrey de la Legh*, was a knight of the shire of *Hertford*, in parliament, in the 8th of *Edward II.*

Sir *Thomas Rochford*, son of Sir *Robert*, released to *Adam*, son of *Geffrey de Derham*, of *Suffolk*, in the 11th of *Edward III.* all his right in the manor of *Bernehalle*.

After this I meet with nothing more of this family in *Essex*. *Newcourt* observes,<sup>1</sup> that soon after the year 1324, there being no heir general, the estate escheating to the Crown, King *Edward III.* in his 14th year, granted the honour of *Rayleigh*, (to which the lordship of *Rochford* belonged,) with the hundred of *Rochford*, to *William de Bohun Earl of Northampton*. But that there were other branches of the family is manifest.

Sir *Ralph Rochford* (as I have observed) was living in the 40th of *Henry III.*<sup>2</sup> and in the 30th of *Edward I.* Sir *Ralph*, with *Henry Spigurne* were the King's justices, and held the assise, tried several causes at *Lynn*, in *Norfolk*, on Tuesday after *Whitsunday-week*; and in the 7th of *Edward II.* had a pardon for adhering to *Thomas Earl of Lancaster*, and for the death of *Peirs de Gaveston*, the King's great favourite. He was father of Sir *Saier de Rochford*, a commissioner of the banks and sewers in *Lincolnshire*, in the 16th of *Edward III.*

In the 22d of *Edward III.* a fine was levied between him and *Joan* his wife, and *John Cleymond* of *Kirkton*, who conveyed lands in *Walpole*, and at *Brandeston* in *Suffolk*, *St. Botolph*, *Benington*, *Tofts*, and *Shirbeck* in *Lincolnshire*, to Sir *Sayer* and *Joan*, in tail.

*Ralph de Rochford*, in the 26th of *Edward III.* was a commissioner to view and repair the banks in *Marshland*. And in the 28th of that King, Sir *Ralph*, (son of Sir *Sayer de Rochford*, Knight, and *Maud* his wife,) were querents, and Sir *Sayer de Rochford* of *Stivekey* in *Norfolk*, and *Ralph de Bigency*, desorciants, of lands in *Walpole*, *Hindringham*, *Barsham*, *Keteleston*, *Creyke*, and *Geyst* in *Norfolk*: and in the said year, Sir *Ralph*, and *Maud* his wife, granted to Sir *Saier de Rochford* of *Stivekey* a messuage with a windmill in *Walpol*, with all his lands and tenements in *Walpol*, *Walsoken*, *Enmeth*, and messuages in *Hindringham*, with all the services, rents, wards, reliefs, escheats, villains, by deed, dated on Thursday after the feast of *St. Winwaloy*.

To this Sir *Ralph* and *Maud* his wife *Robert Lacock* of *Walsingham*, clerk, &c. in the 41st of *Edward III.* granted messuages, lands, tenements, rents, services, &c. in *East Barsham*, *Norfolk*.

Sir *Ralph* was buried in the church of *St. Peter's*, in *Walpole*, with his wife *Maud*, who is said to be a daughter and coheir of Sir *James Walpole*, and was here buried in 1369.

About this time lived Sir *Juhn de Rochford*, probably eldest son of Sir *Ralph*; to whom *John de Atte-Chambre*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed lands in the 32d of *Edward III.* and Sir *William Skipwith*, and *Alice* his wife, in the 40th of that King, surrendered to him the manor of *Calthorp*, *Covenham*, and *Uphall* in *Lincolnshire*.

<sup>1</sup> Newcourt Rept. vol. ii. p.

<sup>2</sup> Sir *Ralph* his son was living in the 12th of *Edward I.* the manor of *Grevo park* in *Warwickshire* was then conveyed by *Theobald Nevill*, to *Philip de Geyton*

for life, remainder to *Sayer de Rochford* son and heir of Sir *Ralph*; and Sir *Sayer* the elder was living the 28th of *Edward III.*

There was also *John Rochford*, Esq. who married *Joan*, daughter of *Sir Ralph*, sister and heir of *Robert de Grendon*, of *Grendon* in *Warwickshire*,<sup>3</sup> by whom he had *Sir Ralph Rochford*, which *John* married to his 2d wife *Isabella*, widow of *John de Rochford*, who had dower granted her by her son-in-law, *Sir Ralph*, in the — of the said King.

This *Ralph* married *Joan*, daughter of *Sir Hugh de Meynill*, by whom he had a daughter and heir, *Margery*, and *Joan* his widow remarried *Hugh de Askeby*.

*Sir Sayer de Rochford*, probably brother of *Sir John*, and a son of *Sir Ralph*, was an eminent soldier in the wars of *France*; in the 33d of *King Edward III.* undertook to keep safely the King of *France* (then a prisoner in *England*) at *Somerton* castle in *Lincolnshire*, and was to be allowed him 2s. per day; <sup>4</sup> *Sir John de Kirton* was joined with him in this charge, and being a banneret was to have 4s. per day; and they were allowed for each esquire with them, 12d. per day.

This seems to be the *Sir Saier* at *Stivekey*, who married *Joan*, one of the daughters and coheirs of *Sir Roger Hillary*, by whom he had *Sir John de Rochford*; and by his first wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Sir Ralph Perlye*, *Sir Ralph Rochford*.

*John*, son of *Sir Sayer de Rochford*, and *Alice* his wife, is mentioned in a fine levied in the 5th of *Richard II.* and *Sir John de Rochford*, Knight, in another fine of lands in *Holbeach*, in the 8th of that King; and was witness to a grant of *John de Ilalmeton*, of an annual rent of 10 marks, issuing out of the lands of *Sir John de Litsbury* in *Tyd St. Mary's*, to *Frederic de Tilney*.

In the same year *Sir Ralph Rochford* had the manor and advowson of the church of *Askele*, by *Parteney* in *Lincolnshire*, conveyed to him by *Reginald Curteys* and *Cecilia* his wife.

This *Sir Ralph* is said to be the son of *Sir Saer* the elder, by his first wife, *Eliz.* daughter of *Sir Ralph de Arley*, and dying in 1401, was buried in the church of *St. Giles's, Cripplegate*, and found to die seized of *Arley* and *Slowley*, in *Warwickshire*, held of *Sir John Odingels* by the service of one knight's fee; and *John Rochford*, Esq. was his son and heir.

*Sir John de Rochford* was steward to the Bishop of *Ely*, and constable of *Wisbeach* castle, in the 20th of *Richard II.* whose only son, *William*, was buried in the church of *St. Peter's* of *Walpole*.

I also find mention made of *Sir John de Rochford*, alderman of the gild of *Boston*, in 1383, where he seems to have had his chief residence; and in the 10th of *Richard II.* was appointed a commissioner to assess the loan demanded of 200 marks from the inhabitants thereof, for the King in his necessities, dated *Sep. 22*, and died on the feast of *St. Lucia*, the Virgin, in 1410;<sup>5</sup> leaving, as some say, three daughters and coheirs, by *Alice* his wife, daughter of *Sir Hugh Hastings*; his mother *Joan*, dying, as appears by the eschaet rolls, in 1403.

*Sir John Holbeach* married a daughter and coheir of *Sir John Rochford* of *Lincolnshire*; and *Anne*, one of *Holbeach's* daughters and coheirs, married *Thomas Barrington*, sheriff of *Essex*, ao. 30 *Henry VI.*

<sup>3</sup> Dugd. Warwicks. p. 792, &c.

<sup>4</sup> Rymer, vol. vi. p. 131.

<sup>5</sup> Boston Leidger-book of the gild in Musco Johs. Anstis, Esq.



On a division of the estate of Sir *Roger Hillary*, in the 13th of *Henry IV. Elizabeth*, Lady *Clinton*, was found to be a cousin and coheir (by a daughter of Sir *Rog.* and sister of the Lady *Joan Rochford*) as were *Joan* and *Margaret*, two of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *John Rochford*, and *Alice* his wife, *Joan* being then the wife of *Robert Roos* of *Gedney* in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. and *Margaret* the widow of Sir *Frederick Tilney* of *Boston*.

At the same time *John Gibthorp*, a minor, son of Sir *William Gibthorp*, and *Alice* his wife, daughter also and coheir of Sir *John Rochford*, were proved to be cousins of the Lady *Elizabeth Clinton*, and coheirs of Sir *Roger Hillary*, Knight and Bart.

The *Rochfords* were such a numerous family, and of so many branches, that it is not easy to distinguish, or make a regular descent of them, and we find that they varied on this account their arms: some bore quarterly, or and *gules*, in a bordure *sable*, bezanty: others the same quarterly, in a bordure indented, uncharged: I find also an annulet bore in the first quarter, also a de-lis, bore by some: the crest of the *Rochfords* was a man's head, with a prolix beard, thereon an high almain cap, on a wreath, mantled *crmin*.

We must now return to *Henry Rochford*, Esq. who was found to be son and heir of Sir *Ralph*, in 1401, which Sir *Ralph*, with Sir *Robert de Leek*, Sir *Philip de Tilney*, Sir *John Bussey*, and Sir *John Rochfords*, Knts. had a patent from King *Richard II.* in this year, September 25th, to proclaim, and take care that the grasiers in *Holland* and *Kestevan*, in *Lincolnshire*, presume not to sell any of their cattle, or horses, at a higher price than was customary, and was father of Sir *Ralph* brother of *Henry*, who in 1401, had order from King *Henry IV.* to pay 50 marks out of the lordship of *Newenton Longevile*, in *Buckinghamshire*, (which he farmed of the King) to Sir *Thomas Erpingham*. On the attainder of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, in the 6th of the said King, he had, with Sir *John Tiptot*, a grant of all the apparel, pertaining to the body of that Duke, and all his harness for peace and war, as well for great horses called coursers, or saddles for tilts and tournaments; was governor of the castle of *Hammes*, in *France*, and lieutenant of *Guien*.

In the 5th of *Henry VI.* Sir *William Mallory* and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed messuages and lands to him, and *Richard Leek*, Esq. in *North* and *South Stoke*, in *Lincolnshire*, and in the said year he surrendered his right in the manor of *Wychampton*, in *Dorsetshire*, to Sir *Gilbert Kyghley*. He was living at *Walpole*, in 1446, and died before 1455. In the leidger book of *Boston*, *Margaret*, late the wife of Sir *Ralph Rochford*, is said to die in that year.

In the east window of the north isle of *St. Peter's* church of *Walpole*, is to be seen the effigies of this knight in armour, (as I take it,) and that of his lady, on their knees; on his surtout are the arms of *Rochford*, quarterly, or and *gules*, in the 2d quarter an annulet *sable*, in a bordure of the same, bezanty. On the outward vest, or mantle of the lady are the said arms, and on her inward vest, *gules*, an eagle displayed, or, with an annulet on the breast of the eagle, *sable*, she being a *Godard*: the same arms of *Rochford* and *Godard*, impaled, are, or were to be seen in a window of the north isle of the church of *Brintre*, in *Essex*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* Sir *Henry Rochford* conveyed in trust to

*Richard Revel*, vicar of *Walpole*, all his manors, lands, and tenements in *Walpole*, *West Walton*, *Emmeth*, *Well*, *Barsham*, *Hindringham*, *Kettleston*, and *Creke*; he was also lord of *Arley*, and *Sloley*, in *Warwickshire*, which he sold to *Thomas Bate*: in the 7th of *Henry V.* he was returned by the justices of the peace of this county, as a person of ancient coat armour, and one of the 20 lances, able to serve the King in his wars.

He is said to have married two wives; by *Isabel*, the first, daughter of *Sir Steph. Burdet*, he had three daughters; *Alice*, married to *Sir Robert Leake*, *Mabel*, to *Sir John Hamelyn*, and *Isabel* to *Clement Derby*; four sons; *Ralph*, *John*, *Thomas*, and *Henry*: by *Elizabeth*, his second wife, daughter of *Nicholas de Reresby*, two daughters; *Mary*, the wife of *Thomas Aungvine*, and *Margaret*, the wife of *Henry Bellingham*.

*William de Worcester*, in his MSS. abovementioned, says he married a daughter of — *Braunch*, relict of Sir —; and it appears that the Lady *Catharine Braunche*, widow of Sir — *Braunche*, by her will dated in 1420, and proved September 5, following, bequeaths to *Catharine*, daughter of *Sir Henry Rochford*, Knt. 10 marks, and to *John*, son of *Sir John Rothenale*, a silver cup with a foot. In the 7th of *Henry VI.* *Sir Henry*, with *John*, and *Thomas* his sons, Esq. sold lands in *Tilney*, and in the 14th of that King was a commissioner for the fen banks, &c.

*Ralph Rochford*, Esq. (son and heir of *Henry*) was by some called a Knight. *Thomas Rochford*, Esq. his brother, by his will dated January 30, 1438, and proved February 25 following, requires to be buried in the chapel of *St. Mary*, in the church of *St. Peter of Walpole*, names *Margaret* his wife executrix, to whom he gives his lands in *Ringsted* and *Hulme*, to pay his debts, and if she should be with child, the issue to have them, and she her dower in his lands at *Walpole*.<sup>7</sup>

In the 33d of *Henry VI.* in a deed of this *Ralph*, of lands in *Castle Rysing*, dated September 26, at *Walpole*, he styles himself *Ralph Rochford*, late Esq. now clerk, (*nup. Armiger modo Clericus*) by his wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Sir Marmaduke Constable*, he had 3 sons; *Henry*, the eldest, *Ralph*, of *Langholm*, and *Saier*, of *Barton*.

*Henry* had a lordship in *Boston*, called *Fenn's*, and that of *Rochford* in *Shirbeck*, and in the 7th of *Henry VII.* *Sir Henry Rochford*, Knt. was one of the justices of the peace, and of the goal delivery, within the Bishop of *Ely's* liberty in *Norfolk*.

After this I find nothing more of the *Rochfords*; as the Bishop of *Ely* was the capital lord, and their estate was held of him it was vested in that see, and so continued, till granted by act of parliament, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, to the Crown, on an exchange of lands with the Bishop.

<sup>6</sup> Reg. Hurnings. Norw. pt. 2. fol. 64.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Doke, pt. 12. p. 85.

## DENVER'S MANOR, OR GODARD'S,

Had its rise from a division of that lordship, which *Henry de Walpole*, son of *Osbert de Walpole* held, who dying without issue, his two aunts, *Isabel* and *Alice*, sisters of *Osbert*, were heirs to it. In the 41st of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Isabel*, and *Walter de Denver*, and *Alice* his wife, tenants of a moiety of 2 carucates of land, 4l. 11s. 0½d. rent, with the moiety of the rent of 8000 turf in *Walpole*, *Tylney*, *Well*, and *Lynn*, which *Isabel* claimed as her part of the inheritance of *Henry*, son of *Osbert de Walpole*, nephew of *Isabel* and *Alice*, which *Isabel* released to *Alice*, with the land which *William de Wendling* held for life, of the said inheritance in *Wisbeach*, *Littleport* and *Crkemere*, in *Cambridgeshire*, and which *Robelina*, widow of the said *Henry*, and *Sarah*, widow of *Osbert de Walpole* held in dower. *Osbert* was son of Sir *Walter de Denver*, and in the 21st of *Edward I.* *John*, son of *Osbert* and *Egelina*, his mother, and Sir *Robert de Hackbeach* held also lands here; Sir *Robert Howard*, and their under tenants, held half a fee here, in *Walton*, and *Hackbeash*, of the Earl *Warren*.

The aforesaid *Walter de Denver* and *Alice* his wife, in the 34th of *Henry III.* sued *James de Creik* and *Sarah* his wife, *Henry de Walpole* having granted to her the wool of his stock of 300 sheep in his manor of *How*, by *East Derham*, in *Norfolk*, till the marriage of *Alice*; and was detained from her.

Sir *John de Denver*, Knt. *de Hakebeche*, &c. held in the 20th of *Edward III.* half a fee here, in *Walton*, &c. of the Bishop of *Ely*, which *John*, son of *Osbert de Walpole*, and *Egelina* his mother, &c. formerly held.

*Walter Godard* held it in the 5th of *Richard II.* and *Catharine* his wife, with 2 messuages, 140 acres of land, 4l. rent per ann. &c. in *Walpole*, *Tilney*, *Walton*, *Well*, &c. and the advowson of *Walpole* chapel. *Catharine* seems to be heiress of *Denvers*. *Walter* presented to that church in 1395.

From the *Denvers* it came by marriage to the *Godards*, who quartered the arms of the *Denvers*, of whom see in *Tyrington*; of this family was Sir *John Godard*, governour of *Loviers*, in *Normandy*, in the 6th of *Henry V.* under the Duke of *Clarence*, on whose death in the 9th of *Henry VI.* several lands in *Lincolnshire*, &c. came to his son and heir *John*, a minor, who dying without issue, *Agnes*, (wife of Sir *Brian Stapleton*.) then the wife of *Robert Wadesley*, Esq. of *Yorkshire*, and Sir *Robert Ughtred*<sup>s</sup> were his cousins and next heirs. But in the said reign, it appears that *Robert Godarde* was lord, and was buried in the church of *Tyrington* in 1448, into which town this manor extended, and he quartered the arms of *Denver*; *Elizabeth* his daughter and heir seems to have married *Robert Sutton*, Esq.

In the 20th of *Henry VII.* a fine was levied between Sir *James Hobart*, Sir *Richard Southwell*, Sir *Henry Ogard*, Knts. and *Richard Braunche*, Esq. querents, and *Thomas Sutton* and *Elizabeth* his wife,

<sup>s</sup> Thomas Ughtred, grandson of Thomas, a parliamentary baron, was found to be his heir, aged 18, Ao. 3 of Henry IV. and married to Margaret, daughter of Sir John Godard, Knt.

daughter and heir of *Robert Godard*, (as I take it) deforciants, of the manor of *Denvers*, and lands in *Walpole*, *Tytney*, *Terrington*, *Clench-warton*, *Walton*, *Lynn*, and *Well*, and the advowson of the chantry in the chapel of *St. Catherine*, in *Walpole*, and *Sir James Hobart*, in the 2d of *Henry VIII.* settled on *Walter Hobart*, his son and heir, and *Anne* his wife, and their heirs male, a rent charge of 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. out of this manor, and *Sir Walter Hobart* of *Hales-Hall*, in *Lodne*, had the advowson of the chapel of *St. Mary*, at the *Fen* end, in *Walpole*, in the 20th of the said King.

Afterwards it came to the *Hunstons*, a family of good account in *Lincolnshire*, *Marshland*, &c. *John Hunston*, Gent. had an estate in the 40th of *Edward III.* in *Tydd St. Maries*, *Lincolnshire*, and *Thomas Hunston*, Gent. had lands, and lived at *Walpole*, in the 1st of *Richard II.* *Thomas Hunston*, in the 17th of *Edward IV.* and *Thomas* in the 19th of *Henry VIII.*

*Henry Hunston*, of *Walpole*, Esq. was living in the reign of *Henry VIII.* and married *Jane*, daughter of *Sir John Audley* of *Swaffham*, Knt.

*William Hunston*, of *Walpole*, Gent. had a patent from *Sir Gilbert Dethick*, dated *February 6th*, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip and Mary*, of these arms and quarterings, 1st, *sable*, four lozenges, 1, 2, 1, *ermine* in a bordure engrailed, or;—in the 2d quarter the arms of *Denvers*;—in the 3d quarter, *sable*, three lozenges, in a triangle *ermin*, the arms of *Haltoft*, as I take it;—and in the 4th quarter, a lion's head caboshed, or, lingued *gules*, in chief, three plates between two flaunches, *ermin*; the crest, a hind's head couped or, in his mouth a holly slip, vert, with berries, *gules*. He died in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, and left *William*, his son and heir aged 26, who was lord in the 38th of that Queen.

*Thomas Hunston*, Esq. sold it to *John Hare*, Esq. son of *John Hare*, citizen, and mercer of *London*, with several messuages, lands, &c. that came to the *Hunstons* from the *Godards*, *Walpoles*, and *Rochfords*, called in the conveyance, the manors of *Denvers*, and *Walpoles*; and *Henry Hare*; Lord *Coltraine*, his direct heir, died possessed of it in 1749, and on his death descending to an alien, was in the King's hands.

### PRIOR OF LEWES'S MANOR.

Was a part, or member of the prior's capital manor in *West Walton*, given by *William*, the first Earl *Warren*, as is observed in that town.

In the reign of *Henry II.* the prior had a mill of the gift of *Sowline*, son of *Nicholas de Walpole*, and *Sir Henry de Walpole* gave the tithe of 900 sheep, in the marshes of *Fridland*, and *Redland*, in *Walpole*, which he and his father *Joceline*, held of them.

*John*, son of *Robert*, son of *Gilbert de Walpole*, granted all the lands which his ancestors held here, for 10. marks; witnesses, *Sir William de Terington*, *Sir Hugh de Pinkeney*, *Sir Drue de Acton*, *Geff. de Marisco*, &c.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* the prior was found to have wreck at sea, a gallows, assise of bread and beer, &c. of his tenants in *Marshland*, the advowson of the church of *St. Andrews*, of *Walpole*, of the gift of *Hamelin Plantaginet*, Earl *Warren*, a weekly mercate, on *Thursday*,

and a fair on the feast of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, and for two days more, which belonged equally to the prior and the Bishop of *Ely*.

*Adam Grey* of *West Walton* gave a messuage, a toft, and 16 acres of land, in this town, *West Walton*, with the right of a free bull, late *Julian's*, widow of *Richard Betele*, bedel of *Cambridge*, by deed in the 4th of *Henry V*.

The temporalities of it in 1428, were valued at 34*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

After the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was granted December 22, in the 29th of *Henry VIII*. to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*, with the appropriated rectory, and advowson of the vicarage, and passed from that family to the *Hares*, as may be seen at large in *West Walton*.

*Henry Hare* Lord *Colrain* died possessed of it in 1740; on his death it came as an escheat to the Crown.

There were lands in this parish called *Wyldole*, belonging to the late nunnery of *Elvestow*, in *Bedfordshire*, granted in the 2d of *Queen Mary*, to *Thomas Reve* and *Giles Isham*.

### PANNEL'S MANOR.

The *Welbys* of *Lincolnshire*, had a considerable interest in this town. *Joan Welby*, widow of *Moulton*, possessed it, and on her son *Richard Welby's* Esq. marriage with *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Sir William Calthorp*, of *Ludham* in *Norfolk*, settled it on them September 10, in the 8th of *Edward IV*. *Christopher Langholm*, Esq. on the death of his brother, had livery of it in the 29th of *Henry VIII*. held, as is said, of the prior of *Lewes*; in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *Christopher Langholm* conveyed it to *Richard Goodrick*; and *Thomas Hewer* had *precipe*, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, to deliver it to *Andrew Ogard*.

After this it came to the *Coneys*. *John Coney* lived here in the reign of *Henry VIII*. and *Thomas Coney*, Gent. of *Sutton* in *Lincolnshire*, was father of *William Coney*, Esq. of *Walpole*, who bore sable, a fess between two cottises, or, and three coneyes sejant, argent: the crest, a talbot's head coupéd, issuing out of a mural coronet, or.

This *William* was a justice of the peace, and by *Abigail* his wife, daughter of ——— *Tilson* of *Gedney*, had a son *Robert*, who married *Alice*, daughter of *Sir Robert Barkham*, Knt. of *Waynfleet*, in *Lincolnshire*, and was father of *Robert*, a minor, in 1664, who dying sans issue, *William Coney*, Esq. his brother, was his heir, and by *Edith*, daughter of *Sir Humphrey Edwin*, Lord Mayor of *London*, in 1697, was father of *Edwin Coney*, Esq. high sheriff of *Norfolk*, in 1734, whose son, by ———, daughter of ——— *Turner*, Esq. of *Lynn*, now possesses it.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH is one of the most beautiful parish churches in *England*, built of free-stone, consisting of a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel, all covered with lead; at the west end stands a noble, stately tower of stone, embattled.

On the stone work of the south porch, as you enter, are the arms of *Goddard*, and *Denver*, quarterly with *Goddard's* crest, an eagle's head erect; and on the stone-work towards the east end, near the great

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arch, the arms of *Rochford*: these families (as I take it) were the chief benefactors to the building of the church, which was about the beginning of the reign of King Henry VI. In the year 1423, I find the windows to be glazed and set up.

At the east end of this south isle, lie several marble grave-stones.

*Hic jacet Robertus Cony, Armiger, de Walpole, in comit. Norf. qui ex uxore Alicia, filiâ Rob. Barkham de Wainfleet, in comit. Lincoln. Equitis auratj; 8 filios et 6 filias suscepit, Norfolciam, Ao. 1673, Vicecomes tuebatur. vir in patriam devotus, in Deum devotissimus, in regem fidelis, in suos liberalis, in alios benevolus, in probos suavis, in malos severus, in omnes humanus; obt. 5, Apr. 1707, etat. 72.*

On the summit are the arms of *Cony*, *sable*, a fess between two cottises, *or*, and three coneyes sejant, *argent*, impaling *Barkham*, *argent*, three pallets, *gules*, and a chevron over all, *or*.

Another,

*In memory of Robert Cony, son of Robert Cony, Esq; and Alice his wife, &c. who died Nov. 8, 1683, aged 21.*

One,

*In memory of Alice, wife of Robert Cony, Esq; who died Oct. 3, 1676, etat. 41.*

Also one,

*In memory of William Cony, Esq; son of Robert Cony, Esq; and Alice his wife, &c. who died Jan. 6, 1742, aged 82: who married Edith, daughter of Sir Humphrey Edwin, Kt. of the city of London: with the arms of Cony, impaling -----, a cross floy engrailed between four birds, -----.*

On an altar monument here, now deprived of its brasses, were painted anciently these arms, *sable*, four fusils, *or* lozenges, 1, 2, and 1, *ermin* in a borbure engrailed, *or*—*Hunston*; impaling, *azure*, a chevron, between 3 bucks trippant, *or*—*Grean*; also *Hunston*, with *Audley* and *Touchet*, quarterly, *viz. gules*, a fret, *or*, and *ermin* a chevron, *gules*. By this it appears that this was for one of the family of *Hunstons*, who had a lordship in this parish.

On the pavement here are several gravestones for the family of *Richers*.

*John Richers, Gent. who dyed a batchelor, Sept. 1, 1707, aged 40.*  
*—— Bernard Richers.—— Valery Richers, Gent. who died a batchelor, in 1708, aged 75.—— Matthew Richers, Gent. who died June 19, 1713, and Sarah his wife, in 1716.*

In the east window of this south isle, which was formerly ornamented with curious painted glass, is to be seen the effigies of a person on his knees, with a great broad belt hanging over his shoulder, therein a great broad sword, and this label;

*Tu sis memor mej, Jacobe, in p'se'tia Dej.*

In the said window, no doubt, was the figure of St. *James*, before whom he was a supplicant.

Here was the altar and chantry of St. *James*. The person here represented was Sir *Thomas Daniel*, a person of eminency in the reign



of King Henry VI. governour of *Rising castle*, in *Norfolk*, and had a patent in the 16th of *Edward IV.* to found this chantry, and endow it with 32 acres, &c. of land; who bore *argent*, four fusils in pale, *sable*.

In one of the upper windows of this isle, is a profane representation of the Supreme Being, habited in a loose purple gown, with a long beard, resting his right hand on a staff of gold, and crowned with glory; pointing out the fore finger of his left hand, as dictating to the *Virgin Mary*, who is seated before him, with a pen in her hand, and paper on a desk before her. The deity stands at the door, or entrance of a castle, embattled, and with turrets, surrounded by a wall embattled; within this wall is the *Virgin*, and many angels are looking down from the tower, &c.; there has been a legend, and the word—*Convertit*—is now legible.

The artist has represented a great degree of majesty in the face of the Deity, and seems, like *Phidias* of old, to have had those verses of *Homer* in his thoughts;

H, KAI KUANEHEIN &c. Hom. Iliad. lib, 1, &c.

On the font is this date,

An°. 28 Dni. 28 M. 28 C. C. C. C. C. . . . . and 28 thanks 28

Against the walls of the nave are painted the insignia of the 12 tribes of *Israel*; and at the upper end a gravestone,

In memory of *Robert Butler, Esq;* who took to wife *Elizabeth Wright*, and died August 1, 1630, in her 59th year; with the arms of *Butler*, a chevron between three cups, with handles.

In the windows on the north side of the nave, (over the arches,) were these arms;—*argent*, three flowers-de-lis, *azure*, between seven cross crosslets fitché, in a bordure, *sable*, *Hillary*;—*argent*, three bighorns, *sable*, garnished, or, *Blower*;—*gules*, a spread eagle, or, *Goddard*;—*gules*, three dexter gauntlets, pendant, or, and a canton chequre, or and *azure*, *Denver*; quarterly or and *gules*, in the 2d quarter, an annulet *sable*, in a bordure of the last bezantee, *Rochford*;—quarterly, (in the first and fourth,) *argent*, and *sable*, *Hoo*;—in the 2d *argent*, a crescent *sable*, in the 3d *argent*, a mullet, *sable*;—*azure*, on a fess *sable*, three roses between three acorns, *argent*, *Daniel*; *Rochford*, with his crest, a man's head, with a long beard, and an high cap, *ermine*.

Against the upper pillar of the nave, on the north side, was the staircase leading to the rood loft; over the door is to be seen an old piece of painting of the *Virgin* and the child *Jesus*, and on a scroll,

Orate p. bono statu Joh. Nelson, et p. aiab; parentu. et benefactor. suor.

And on the opposite pillar on the south side, the painted figure of *St. John* the Evangelist.

On the windows of the north isle, are the arms of *Goddard*, *Denver*, *Howard*, of the *East-Angles*, and the see of *Ely*, the triangular emblem of the *Trinity*, *St. George's* arms, and *argent*, a saltier, *vert*, *Noon*;—also *argent*, a chevron, between three wolves heads erased, *gules*, *Lovell*; here were also *argent*, a chevron, between three griffins heads erased *gules*, *Tilney*,—*Rochford*, and *Goddard*, impaling *Denvers*.

The east end of this isle is taken in by a screen, and was the chapel and burial-place of the *Rochfords*. On the pavement lies a large marble gravestone, whereon has been a long great cross of brass, standing on a pedestal of four steps, with a cross on the head of it, and six shields, three on each side, all reaved, as is the inscription, which was on a rim of brass round it, of which this only remains,

*Hic jacet Willm. filius . . . constabularij castri de Wisbeache*  
*. . . Januarij A. Dni. Milli.*

This is said to be in memory of *William*, only son of Sir *John Rochford*, who left three daughters and coheirs.

South of this stands a large altar monument, ornamented with curious brass work, and the effigies of a knight in armour, a lion at his feet, with that of his lady, and a dog at her feet, over his head are two shields, with *Rochford's* arms and a flower-de-lis, in the 1st and 4th quarter, the two shields over the lady are gone, and so is the rim of brass that went round it, with its inscription, this only remaining ;

*. . . . . Domina Matilda, uxorej.*  
*que obiit . . . . Anno Dni. Millesimo tricentesimo, sexagesimo nono:*

*Weaver* says this is the monument of Sir *Ralph Rochford*, Knt<sup>s</sup> this Sir *Ralph* (as I have above observed) was son of Sir *Saier de Rochford*, and married *Matilda*, daughter and coheir (as is said) of a *Walpole*.

The east window of this chapel is beautified with the effigies of many saints, &c.; at the bottom of the pannels are the pourtraitures of a man in armour on his knees; on his surtout, *argent*, a bend ingrailed, *azure*, and a chief *gules*; this I take to be for *Ralph Lord Cromwell*, Lord *Tateshale*, governour of *Rising* castle, in the time of *Henry VI.* and that of his wife, who appears by her arms, on her vest, or inward garment, to be a *Rochford*, quarterly, or and *gules*, &c. and on her outward garment, the arms of *Cromwell*. Also the pourtraiture of a *Rochford* in armour, with the shield of *Rochford*, and an annulet *sable*, in the 2d quarter, and his lady with the arms of *Godard*, on her inward vest, with an annulet, *azure*, on the breast of the eagle. Another pourtraiture of a *Rochford*, and a lady with the arms of *Rochford* on her outward vest, and of *Cromwell* (though obscure) on her inward vest.

On the pavement of the chancel, lie several gravestones—one with a brass plate,

*In memory of Henry Frencham A.M. sometime fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford, and for the space of 30 years parson of Walpole, a faithful feeder of his flock, who took to wife Anne Walvard, widow, daughter of Robert Baynard Esq; by whom he had Barnabas and Anne, he died Jan. 31, 1629, in the 71st year of his age; with these arms cut in stone, viz. six coats, quarterly—1st, a fess between two chevrons—2d, an eagle displayed, with two beaks—3d, a bend sailey—4th, a cross ingrailed—5th, a cross moline—6th, as the first; the crest, an unicorn's head erased.*

On another with a brass plate,

*Of your charite pray for the soule of Syr John Whetom, su'tyme*

*p'sone of Walpole, and of Leveryngt. whiche decessy'd the xxiiii day of July M. v. xxxvii, on whose sowle J'hu have m'cy.*

On a brass plate

*Si quæris advena, suas hic deposuit reliquias Barnabas Frenchamus, juvenis ultra annos pius, supra vires sedulus, cujus in interitu, duplex hoc potuit malum; herede patrem orbare et conjugem. Proh flebile fatum consumptio rapuit filium et tristitia conjugem. Tam chari pignoris damnum non prius deflere destitit luctuosa parens, quam eundem cum filio tamulum habuit, et in cælo, solium, audiit Deus, et dedit; obiit filius Augusti 25°. mater Novemb. 15. A°, 1652, A°. Æt. 87: with a quartered shield as above.*

A gravestone,

*In memory of Francis Ireland, vicar 32 years, died Janu. 7, 1632, in his 69th year.*

Another with a brass plate for,

*John Austin—Sub hoc marmore tanquam incarceratum jacet corpus Joh. Austin, Gen. donec D'nus apparet in judicio, et sepulchra reddant mortua, in cujus memoriam Maria nuper uxor ejus hoc condit; filios eorum si numeras tres sunt, unicam tantum filiam, pie et religiose, et pacifice vixit, et non sine dolore multo de suis et bonis accubuit. Sepult. decimo tertio Junij A°. Dñj Mil'imo, sexcentesimo, vicesimo, octavo: with this shield, -----, a chevron between three crosses pattee.*

*Elizabeth Frencham, the virtuous wife of Michael Beresford, deceased May 31, 1654, aged 21.*

*Here lyeth William Crane, Gent. son of William Crane, minister, in Burford, in the county of Wilts, who departed this life the 10th of Nov. in the 33d year of his age, a°. D'ni 1682.*

On a marble grave-stone, *argent*, three lozenges, *azure*, each charged with an escalop, or; crest a stag's head erased, with a branch in his mouth,—Hart,

*H. S. E. Gulielmus Hart, clericus, rector et vicarius de Walpole, dignissimus, rectoris munus, per unum et quinquaginta, vicarij per duos et quadraginta annos fideliter executus est, officio satisfecit; Theologus ad primævæ religionis normam fide, moribusq; incorruptissimus, ingenij, facundiæ, pietatis laude florentissimus, variæq; eruditionis elegantia, ornatissimus vir. Vitæ ad amussim dispositu atq; ordinatæ sanctitas, summa comitas, par ab omnibus diligebatur, colebatur, probissimus, gravissimus, venerabilis senex. Amicitia ejus nihil fidelius, sermonibus nihil jucundius, nihil doctius, perpetuâ mentis, corporisq; sanitate et vigore usus est, et in ipso fere ætatis flore tantam non octogenarius deceasit, In altissimâ tranquillitate, pariq; veneratione ad mortalitatis finem pervenit mensis Maij die 2d°. A. D. 1726, ætat. suæ LXXIX.—Juxta jacent Alicia Hart, Gulielmi et Susannæ filia, quæ decem annos nata animam Deo reddidit, et Gulielmus eorund. nepos, Gulielmi et Mariæ Hart de Boston, in com. Linc. filius primogenitus ad cælum redire maturavit quinq; menses natus, infantulus.*

On a mural monument under an arch in the south wall, is the small effigies of a man kneeling before a desk, with a book—

*En pius ornator Templi, benefactor egenis,  
Solamen paria consorti fidus amicus.*

*Robertus Butler, obiit primo die Aug. An<sup>o</sup>. 1630, etat. sua 59, ej. monumentum hoc, Gulielmus Coney, generosus, statuit A<sup>o</sup>. Dom. 1632. Abi viator, et ad tuos reversus narra te vidisse locum in quo Pater Patriæ jacet; and Butler's arms as above.*

On the windows on the south side of this chancel, have been painted several saints; St. *Alban*, St. *William* Archbishop of York; St. *Hugh* Bishop of Lincoln; St. *Cuthburga*, St. *Etheldreda* with a crosier; St. *Sezburga*, with a palm branch, are still remaining: at the bottom an orate for the persons that glazed it, the date of the year 1423 is to be seen in three of the windows, and under the 5th window,

*Orate p. aiab; Rich. Bowre, :::: ejusd. :::: ista fenestra vitrari fecerunt A<sup>o</sup>. Dni. m. ccccxxiii.*

On the windows on the north side also, have been many; in the 3d window is St. *John* the Evangelist, and—*Orate p. aiâ Joh. Frecup, ::::, A<sup>o</sup>. Dni. m<sup>o</sup>. ccccxxv.*—St. *John*, of *Beverly*, Archbishop, of York. In the 4th m. ccccxxiii, and in the 5th, St. *Edmund*, Archbishop of Canterbury.

The ascent to the communion table consists of many steps, under it is an arch, which will contain many horses, for the use of those parishioners, who are obliged, by the badness and length of the ways, to come on horseback to church.

## RECTORS.

*John de Langton* was rector in the reign, of King *Edward I.* Bishop of *Chichester*, &c.

1300, *Roger de Noston*.

1305, *John de Leek*, collated by the Bishop of *Ely*.

*Bernard de la Bret*.

1310, *Richard de Ideshale*, presented by the King; the temporalities of the see of *Ely*, being then in his hands, said to be void by the residence of *Bret*, in the court of *Rome*.

1310, *Guicard*, son of *Amadeus* Lord *De la Bret*, by papal provision.

1319 *John de Gysslingham*, by papal provision.

1320, Mr. *John de Brecham*, LL. D. by the Bishop of *Ely*, an exchange for *Redgrave*, in *Suffolk*.

1326, Mr. *Ralph de Pgrave* (exchanged for *Sudburn*, &c. in *Suffolk*) by the Bishop.

1328, Mr. *Laur. Falstof*. Ditto.

1330, Mr. *John* of *Oxford*, Ditto.

*Robert de Fulborn* occurs rector, either of this church, or *St. Andrew's Walpole*, the time not mentioned.

1361, *John de Swynleigh*, by the King, in the vacancy of the see: he was chaplain to King *Edward III.* who gave him the prebend which *William de Cusantia* held in the collegiate church of *St. Stephen, Westminster*, August 6, 1360, and the custody of the free chapel, of *St. Anne de Alredely*, in 12 days after, on the 21st of

October, in the said year, the King also gave him the prebend of *Isledon*, in the church of *St. Paul's, London*.\*

1875, *Thomas de Cockfield*, by the Bishop, prebend of *Carlton-Kyme*, &c. in the church of *Lincoln*.

1393, *Mr Mathew de Ashton*. Ditto.

1400, *Thomas Patesley*, Ditto, archdeacon of *Ely* in 1387.

1411, *Bartholemew Colman*, (exchanged with *Patesley*, for *Denington*, in *Cambridgeshire*) Ditto.

*John Whetom*, died rector 1537.

*Andrew Pern*, S.T.B. afterwards dean of *Ely*.

1594, *William Brown* compounded for first fruits, May 13, 1594.

1598, *John Fox*, compounded December 15,

1599, *Henry Frencham*, compounded August 4, 1599, presented by the Queen.

1675, *William Hart*.

1726, *Henry Fish*, by the King, vicar also of *Middleton*, in *Norfolk*, presented by the Crown.

1743, *William Everard*. Ditto.

This rectory was formerly valued at 46 marks *per ann.* and was called the portion of *John de Langton*, so taxed when he was rector. Peter-pence 13d. the present valor is 21l. and pays first fruits and tenths.

Besides the chantry of *St. James*, there was in this church the chantry of *St. Catherine*, also the chantry of *St. Edmund* and *St. Thomas*, but in which church they were I cannot say. The chantry of *St. Thomas* was valued at 4l. 13s. 9d. and that of *St. Edmund*, at its dissolution in King *Edward the Sixth's* time at 6l. 8s. 4d. and I find these pensions paid to the late chantry priests.—*William Clerk*, late incumbent of a chantry; in 1555, 4l. 1s. 6d. *per ann.*—*William alias Robert Lynne*, late incumbent of a chantry in *Walpole* church 5l. *per ann.*—*William Edden*, late incumbent of, &c. in *Walpole* church 5l. *per ann.*

On the first of June, in the 5th of King *James I.* the chapel called the chantry chapel of *St. Edmund*, in *Walpole*, with one rood of land adjoining, (by which it seems to be distinct from the church, and in some part of the township) was granted to *William Herick*, and *Arthur Ingram*, together with 20 acres of land and pasture, in the village and fields of *Walpole*; in the tenure of *John Repps*;—also 12 acres of arable land in *Walpole*, in the tenure *John Neale*;—5 acres in *Walpole*, in the tenure of *St. Edmund's* chantry;—20 acres of land and pasture in *Walpole*, in the tenure of *William Catharn*;—9 acres of land and pasture there in the tenure of *William Bynns*;—13 acres of land and pasture in the tenure of *John Brewer*;—5 acres of land and pasture in the tenure of the chantry;—2 acres of land and pasture in the tenure of *William Daniel*, also all those lands, tenements, &c. whatsoever belonging to the said chantry of *St. Edmund*, which came to King *Edward VI.* on its dissolution, and were valued at 10l. *per ann.* In 1590, all this was farmed by *Mary Butler* at 10l. 0s. 7d. *per ann.*

Here was also the chantry of *St. Mary* in *Walpole Fen*, valued at 5l.

\* Newcourt's Rept. vol. i.

2s. 1d. *per ann.* the advowson of this was in the *Godards*, &c. afterwards in the *Hobarts*, &c. as above mentioned.

In the 38th of *Henry VI.* *John Glodesforth* and *Anne* his wife conveyed messuages and lands in *Tilney*, *Islington*, *Walpole*, &c. with the advowson of *St. Mary's* chapel of *Walpole*, to *John Lyliert*, and *Henry Hobart* conveyed this chapel in the *Fen* end, in the 36th of *Hen. VIII.* to *Nicholas Rookwood*.

There is a curious print of this church, dedicated to the late Lord *Colerain*, who was (as I presume) at the charge of it.

**ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**: this is a regular, well built church consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, a chancel, with a south porch, all covered with lead.

At the west end is a square steeple, with 4 bells.

In the north windows of the chancel were these arms;—*Blower*;—*Rochford*, impaling, *argent*, a fess dauncette between six cross crosslets, *sable*;—*Rochford*, impaling, *argent*, on a fess, between three cinquefoils, *sable*, three crescents, *or*, *Denver*;—*argent*, a lion rampant and crusily of cross crosslets, *gules*, crowned *or*, *Brews*;—*azure*, three crescents, *argent*, *Thorp*;—*azure*, a saltier and chief *or* *Bruce*;—*Calthorp*;—*Carville*;—*Derham*;—*Stapleton*; *sable*, a cross engrailed *or*, *Peyton*;—and *argent*, a cross flory, *sable*, *Hasilden*, quarterly.

On the south windows, *ermine*, *Earl of Richmond*, and *Duke of Britan*;—*Woodhouse*;—*gules*, a bend nebulee between three cinquefoils, *argent*, ----; *argent*, a cross *sable*, *Norwich* priory;—*sable* on a bend, *argent*, three lis of the first;—*sable*, three martlets, *or*;—*or*, two lions passant, *azure*, *Dudley*;—*vairy*, *gules* and *argent*;—*argent*, a bend engrailed *gules*, *Culpeper*;—*argent*, a chief *ermine*;—*sable*, a bend between three crescents, *or*, *Debenham*.

## RECTORS.

In 1229, *Alexander* was rector, when it appears that he had a vicar under him. *Ralph*, then his vicar, perceiving the tithes of certain lands in this parish, of right belonged to the prior and convent of *Lewes*, and that *Adam*, his predecessor, by violence took the said tithes by the assent of *Alexander*, rector, restored the same.\* The tithes here mentioned were those which *William* the first *Earl Warren* gave to the aforesaid priory; and in 1230, *Thomas* Bishop of *Norwich* ordained that the rector of this parish should pay to the priory afore-6 marks *per ann.* and so take the said tithes to himself, and the rector of *Lewes's* mediety in *West Walton* 4 marks *per ann.*

*Brigotus*, rector, *sans date*.

1294, *Boga de Clare* occurs rector of *Walpole*; this church, as I take it.

*John de Brews* was rector in the reign of *Edward I.* the rectory was then taxed at 64 marks *per ann.* *Peter-pence* 16d. the prior of *Lewes* had a portion of tithe, valued at 5l. *per ann.*

*Robert de Spiney*, resigned in 1323.

\* *Regist. Lewes.*

1325, *William de Cliff*, by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*, an exchange for *Leek* in *York* diocese.

1339, *Thomas de Lewes*, by *John Earl Warren*, on a grant from the King, of the advowson: the priory of *Lewes* being in the King's hands, on account of the wars.

1344, The King presented to this church, the temporalities being in him.

### VICARS.

1362, *Walter Colton*, presented to the vicarage (newly erected) by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*. In the 26th of *Edward III.* the prior had a grant to appropriated this church.

*Hugh de Chintriac*, prior of *Lewes*, ordered May 5, 1361, that whereas the churches of *Walpole*, and *East Greensted*, in *Sussex*, were appropriated to that house, 30s. per ann. should be paid to the sacrist, and another sum to the monks for cloathing out of the profits of the said churches; this appropriation was confirmed by *Andrian*, minister of the order of the *Cistercians*, on the feast of the purification in the said year; and on this the prior was taxed for tithes of the rectory at 42 marks, 8s. 10d. ob. q. and the vicar at 21. marks 4s. 5d. q.; and and on July 31, 1372, it was agreed by indenture between the prior and *Walter*, vicar, that he should obtain a confirmation to be made between them.

—, *Richard Bennet*.

1409, *Richard Chamberlain*, on *Bennet's* resignation, an exchange for *Askeby Terreby*, in *Lincoln* diocese, by the prior of *Lewes*.

*Richard Revell* occurs vicar in 1401.

*John Cannock*.

1472, *William Canyngston*.

1504, *Thomas Leman*, instituted.

1504, *John Daycot*, vicar, wills to be buried on the north side of this church, before his hall; gives 30 stone of lead to the church work, and a suit of vestments of white damask branched with angels of gold, or lily pots, like the red suit in the said church, and a cow to the parish.

On the 22d, of *December*, in the 29th of *Henry VIII.* this appropriated rectory, with the advowson of the vicarage, was granted to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, which was conveyed by fine to the King, by *Robert*, the prior, and the convent of *Lewes*.

The prior from time beyond memory, used to pay to the Bishops of *Norwich* an annual pension of 3l. 11s. 1d. out of this rectory appropriated, but *Robert*, the late prior, and convent having demised this rectory to *Nicholas Fordham*, Gent. for 60 years, the Bishop of *Norwich* released the pension to *Fordham*, for the term of his lease July 12, A°. 1 *Edward VI.*

1597, *Robert Dixon*, on March 22d, compounded for first fruits.

1599, *Francis Ireland*, October 23d compounded, presented by *John Holland*, Esq. hac vice.

1632, *William Sandford*, March 17, compounded.

1684, *William Hart*.

1725, *Thomas Coleborn*, by *Henry Lord Colerain*, on *Hart's* death.

1762, Mr. Smith, by the Lord Chancellor.

The present valor is 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays tenths and first fruits.

In this town the *Romish* saint, St. *Godric*, is said to have been born, who was at first a pedlar, and after went on a pilgrimage to *Rome* and *Jerusalem*, and lived a hermit at *Finchale*, near *Durham*, where he died in 1170;<sup>2</sup> many miracles are ascribed to him, and his girdle that he left had so great a virtue in it, as to make barren women fruitful.

The sea bank at this town from St. *Hellin's* chapel next *Terrington*, to *Novechgate* in *West Walton*, is 3 miles in length.

At a place called *Cross Keys*, in this parish, is a passage over the *Washes*, at the mouth of the river *Nene*, to *Long Sutton*, in *Lincolnshire*, (when the tide is out, and before its reflux,) for horses and carriages, and King *John* passing over here into *Lincolnshire*, a little time before his death, not observing this, lost most of his baggage, or carriages, by the reflux of the tide.

Here is a guide always attending to conduct passengers over, bearing a wand, or rod in his hand, probably in imitation of *Moses*, who held a rod, when he conducted the *Israelites* through the *Red Sea*.

## WALSOKEN.

### RAMSEY ABBOTS, OR POPENHOW MANOR.

THE principal manor of this town was given to the abbey of *Ramsey*, in *Huntingdonshire*, by *Ailwin* Duke of the *East-Angles*, also styled alderman of the *East Angles*, on his founding of that abbey in 1069, by the name of *Five Hides* in *Walsokne*, and was confirmed to that house by King *Edgar*: the said abbey held it at the grand survey by the name of the *Land of St. Bennet* of *Ramsey*, the abbey being dedicated to that great patron of the monastick order; it consisted then of one carucate of land held by 11 villains, and 6 borderers, with 12 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and half a one amongst the tenants, a fishery, &c. and 7 socmen belonged to it, with 13 acres, valued at 20*s.*<sup>3</sup>

This manor was called by the name of *Popenho*; and in the 44th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Hugh*, abbot of *Ramsey*, lord, and *Geffrey de Marisco*, or *Marsh*, one of his chief freeholders, about the repairing of the walls, and cleansing the drains, which *Geffrey* and his heirs were to repair, &c.

<sup>2</sup> Bale's English Votaries, lib. 2. fol. 94. Capgrave Legend, &c.

<sup>3</sup> Terra Sci Benedicti de Ramesio—  
Walsocam ten S. B. sep. i. car. tre. sep.

xi. vill. et vi. bor. xiii. acr. pti. i. car.  
d'no. dim. car. hom. i. pisc. vii. a  
huic maner. jac. scmp. vii. soc. de xii  
val. xx. sol.



In the 3d of *Edward I.* the abbot was found to have wreck at sea, assise of bread and beer, in *Walsoken, Popenho*, the 3d part of the village belonging to him, with the advowson of the church held in *capite* of the King, and belonging to his barony.

In the 26th of the said King, there being a contest between *William de Luda*, Bishop of *Ely*, and *John de Sautre*, abbot of *Ramsey*, about the lete of this village, it was agreed that the lete of it should be jointly held by the bailiffs of the Bishop, the abbot, and the prior of *Lewes*, (which shows that there were 3 distinct manors here then) in common, and that the secrets of the lete, with the verdict should be given to the Bishop's steward, or bailiff, who should communicate it to the other bailiffs, who should declare it to their proper tenants; and the profit of their lete, &c. should be taken by each steward, of their proper tenants. About this time this manor was worth 15 marks *per ann.* to the abbot.

About the year 1400, in the 5th year of *Thomas*, the abbot *Richard*, son of *John Atmere*, of *Walsoken*, carpenter, being a villain of blood of this manor, paid the abbot a fine of 2s. *per ann.* for liberty to live out of it, though still to be his villain; and in or about 1428, the temporalities of the abbot in this town in rent, mill, perquisites, and cattle, were valued at 23l. 19s. 9d. *per ann.*

On the dissolution of this abbey, it came to the Crown, and was granted by King *Henry VIII.* February 26, in his 36th year, by the name of *Popenhowe, alias Walsoken* manor, with the advowson of the rectory, to Sir *Thomas Wriothsley*, and Sir *Richard Southwell*, (which Sir *Richard* was one of the King's visitors of the abbies, priories, &c.) with all the rights and privileges enjoyed by the abbots, and as specified in the 14th of *Edward I.* by a *quo warranto*, together with the manor of *Westfield* in *Mitford* hundred *Norfolk*, which belonged to the *Charter-House, London*: and in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, it appears, that the rent of assise of the free tenants was 24s. 8d. *ob.* *Jeffrey Colville's, Esq.* rent 8s. assise of the customary tenants 6l. 13s. 4d. the custos, or chaplain of *Trinity* 4s. *per ann.* perquisites of court 2l. 19s. 10d. *ob.*

On the 25th of *January*, in the 24th of *Elizabeth*, it was conveyed by Sir *Richard Southwell*, to *Thomas Barrow, Esq.* of *Cranworth* in *Norfolk*, together with the pension of 40s. *per ann.* payable to the lord by the rector; being then valued at 101l. 14s. 8d. *per ann.* in the whole, as by a particular account under the hand of Sir *Richard* appeared.

*Thomas Barrow, Esq.* and *William*, his son and heir, sold it April 2, in the 31st of the said Queen, to *Richard Catlyn*, of *Honingham, Esq.* and *Dionysia* his wife, who October 12, in the 39d of *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to Sir *Henry Gawdy*, of *Claxton*, in *Norfolk*, whose son Sir *Robert*, conveyed it by fine levied in *Michaelmas* term, in the 20th of *James I.* to *Everard Buckworth* of *Wisbeach, Esq.* *John Adderley, John Hewar, &c.* trustees for Sir *Thomas Hewer* of *Emneth*, who by will dated *January* 21, in the 5th of *Charles I.* settled it on *Laurence Oxburgh*, and his heirs male, son of his nephew *Thomas Oxburgh, Gent.* son of *Thomas Oxburgh, Esq.* and *Thomasine* his wife, sister of the said Sir *Thomas Hewer*, enjoining him and his heirs to write themselves *Hewer, alias Oxburgh*, and for want of such issue, on *Thomas Hewer*, son of *John Hewer*, late of *Milcham*, in *Norfolk, &c.*

the aforesaid *Laurence Hewer, alias Orburgh*, with his son *Laurence*, conveyed it, *July 15, 1669*, to *John Colville, Esq.* and *John Wise*, whose son, *Josiah Colville, Esq.* (to pay his father's creditors) sold it *April 21, 1685*, to *John Creed, Esq. of Oundle, in Northamptonshire*, and in this family it remained in 1742, and in 1762.

### MARSHE'S, OR ELY MANOR.

Here was a manor called *Marshe's*, from the family of *De Marisco*, who held lands of the see of *Ely*, and of the abbot of *Ramsey*. In the 4th year of King *Henry III.* a month after *Easter*, a fine was levied before *Hubert de Burgo*, chief justice of *England*, *Robert de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, *Martin de Pateshull*, *Ralph Hareng*, *Steph. de Segrave*, justices, between *Henry*, abbot of *Ramsey*, petent, and *Stephen de Marisco*, tenant of 60 acres of land here, the abbot having impleaded him for 11 virgates of land in this town, which he released to the abbot, who grants to *Steph.* the 60 acres aforesaid, and 60 more in this fine for the free rent of 5s. per ann. the said *Steph.* held also in *Walsoken*, and *Newton*, one fee of the Bishop of *Ely*.

In the 44th of the said King, *Geffrey de Marisco* covenanted to repair the walls and banks of the sea and marshes, for which the abbot was distrained, and on this, *Geffrey* and his heirs were received into all benefits and prayers made in the abbey church for ever; the custom in this town and all *Marshland* being then, that the freeholders of the manors repair the banks so far as their lands lie; and the said *Geffrey*, in the 3d of *Edward I.* held in this town, *West Walton*, *Walpole*, &c. one fee of the bishop of *Ely*.

This lordship came on the death of *Geffrey*, by marriage, to Sir *Roger de Colville*, a family of great antiquity in *Cambridgeshire*. *Robert de Coleville* was living in the 3d of *Henry III.* Sir *Henry de Coleville* was sheriff of *Cambridgeshire* and *Huntingdonshire*, in the 35th of that King; *Philip de Coleville* defended in the 53d of the said reign, the castle of *Gloucester*, against that King's son, and had a pardon on *December 25th* in the said year.

In the year 1277, the Bishop of *Ely* was the capital lord, had thelete, return of writs, cognisance of all pleas, when it is said that the whole town entered commoners in *West Fenn*, and were to clean their portions of the *Pokedyke*, 5 furlongs and 16 perches; the Bishop, and the abbot of *Ramsey* had each a moiety of the sea wreck, royal fishes, &c. with free warren.

A fine was levied in the 15th of *Edward I.* between *Geff. de Sandiacre*, querent, and *Roger*, son of *Roger de Colville*, and *Desiderata* his wife, of this lordship, settled on *Geffrey* for life; this *Roger* was, as I take it, son of Sir *Roger*, (who was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 51st of *Henry III.* and *Nicholaa* his wife) and married *Desiderata*, daughter of *Stephen de Marsh*, and had by her also the lordships of *Tydd St. Gyles*, and *Newton*.

*Jeffrey de Colville* was son of *Roger*, and *Desiderata* his wife: between this *Jeffrey*, and *Robert de Watervill* and *Desiderata*, (his wife) a fine was levied in the 2d of *Edward II.* of this manor, settled on *Jeffrey*; and in the 11th of the said King a composition

was made between the Bishop of *Ely* and him, about the view of frank-pledge, the lete, and amerciements of the tenants here.

By the inquisitions taken in the 20th of *Edward III.* it appears that *John Colvile* then held half a knight's fee in *Walsoken*, *West Walton*, and *Walpole*, of the Bishop of *Ely*, and in the 35th of the said King, *Sir John de Colvile*<sup>5</sup> died beyond sea, seized of the said manors, with those of *Newton*, *Tydd St. Gyles*, *Mersh*, (or *Marche*) in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Sir John Colvile*, Knt. was his son and heir, aged 23; this *Sir John Colvile*, *Sir John Shardelowe*, *Sir William Cheynnee*, and *John Leverington*, were appointed in the 10th of *Richard II.* in the county of *Cambridge*, to proclaim that no grasiers, or sellers of cattle, or horses, &c. should sell them at a higher price than usual: he married *Alice*, and held together a moiety of the manor of *Strete*, in *Kent*, (probably *Stone Strete*) called *Chiveler's*, and dying possessed of this lordship, &c. in the 17th of *Richard II.* *John Colvile* was his son and heir, 29 years old, as appears from the eschaet roll, which says he held 207 acres of land here, belonging to his manor. This *Sir John* sealed with the arms of *Colvile*, as his father, and quartered or, three chess rooks, *gules*;<sup>6</sup> crest, a lion passant, in the 46th of *Edward III.*

About this time lived *William Colvile*, Esq. who was one of those who accompanied *John Duke of Lancaster* into *Spain*, in the 9th of *Richard II.* and by the eschaets, in the 14th of the said King, *Joan Colvile*, first the wife of *John Engayne*, afterwards of *Sir William Colvile*, Knt. aged 30, then died. *John de St. Quintin* is therein called her brother. *Sir John Colvile*, and his tenants, on an inquisition taken at *Lyn Bishop's* on *Monday* before the feast of *St. Agnes*, *Henry IV. Ao. 3*, before *Sir John White*, Knt. held half a fee here, in *Walton*, and *Walpole*, of the Bishop of *Ely*.

*Sir John Colvile*, in the 8th of *Henry IV.* had a patent to found a chantry in the chapel of *St. Mary*, in *Newton*, on the sea coast (*super costeram maris*) and to endow it with 40*l. per ann.*

In the 8th of *Henry V.* *Sir John Colvile* granted to *Thomas Langley* Bishop of *Durham*, *Sir Thomas Erpingham*, &c. feoffees, this manor; and to *Thomas Duke of Clarence*, *Humphrey Duke of Gloucester*, &c. feoffees, his manors of *Newton*, in *Cambridgeshire*, and *Tydd St. Gyles*; and is said to die in the 4th of *Henry VI.* some of these *Colviles* married a daughter of *Mackworth* of *Normington* in *Rutlandshire*; and in the church of *Newton*, was a shield of *Colvile*, impaling *Wythe*, azure, three griffins passant, in pale, or.

In the 8th of *Henry VI.* *Sir John Colvile* of *Newton* had an inquisition, *ad quod damnum*, on his settling 5 messuages, 110 acres of land, in *Newton*, *Leverington*, *Wisbeach*, *Elnie*, and a fishery, called *Depewere*, in *Wisbeach*, on a chantry in the church of *Newton*, and died, as is said, about the 24th of *Henry VI.* leaving *Sir John Colvile*, his son and heir, who married *Ann*, daughter of *Sir Henry Ingels* of *Dilham*, in *Norfolk*, and died in the fourth year of King *Henry VII.*

<sup>5</sup> Eschaet, Nr. 51, he sealed in the 20th of *Edward III.* with azure, a lion rampant, argent, and a label of three points, *gules*, as appears from a deed dated at *Newton*, by *Leverington*.

<sup>6</sup> *Colvile's* crest—on a chapeau *gules*, turned up, argent, a lion passant of the same, collared, with a label *gules*—quere, if the chess rooks were the arms either of *Marshe*, or *Pinchbeck*.

and in the 9th of the said King, it appears she was remarried to Sir *Robert Brandon*.

*Francis Colville*, Esq. succeeded his brother, Sir *John*, and died seized of this manor in the 9th year, and then a knight, leaving *Richard*, his son and heir, by *Katharine*, daughter of *John Townsend* of *Reynham*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. which *Richard*, by an inquisition taken at *Thetford*, November 2, in the 17th of *Henry VIII.* was found to die September 5, in the said year seized of this manor, that of *Newton*, &c. and *Geffrey* was his son and heir, aged 11 years, by *Etheldreda* his wife, who had livery of it, &c. in the 27th of the said King: he married *Katharine* daughter of Sir *John Hind*, of *Madingley*, in *Cambridgeshire*, who joined with him in conveying by fine to *Edward Thwayts*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, the manor of *Strete* in *Kent*, and died in the year 1575, leaving *John Colville*, his son and heir, who was found to hold this manor of Queen *Elizabeth*, as of her manor of *West Walton*, by the 8th part of a fee, late parcel of the Bishop of *Ely's* lands; which *John Colville*, Esq. married *Ann*, daughter and heir of *Nicholas Pincebek*, of *Pincebek*, in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. by whom he had *Richard Colville*, Esq. lord here and of *Newton*, who by *Mary* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Bernardiston* of *Ketton*, in *Suffolk*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Hauchet*, had Sir *Thomas Colville*, Knt. his eldest son, who married *Alice*, daughter of Sir *William Spencer*, of *Yarnton*, in *Oxfordshire*, and dying sans issue, October 17, 1611, was succeeded in this manor, &c. by his brother, *Richard Colville*, Esq. who in 1638, sued Sir *Philip Landen*, Knt. in the court of chivalry, for words, &c. and dying in 1650, left by *Sarah* his wife, daughter of Sir *John Laurence* of *Iver*, in *Buckinghamshire*, Bart. several sons; *John*, who died unmarried, *William Colville*, Esq. who was justice of peace for *Cambridgeshire*, and married *Ann*, daughter of Sir *Richard Stone* of *Stewkley*, in *Huntingdonshire*, and died *sine prole*.

I meet also with 2 younger sons of the said Sir *Thomas Edred*, and *Jeffrey Colville*, who by —, daughter of — *Peak*, of *Walsoken*, had *Richard Colville*, of *Newton*, in the isle of *Ely*, who married *Frances*, daughter of *Thomas Carter*, alderman and lord mayor of *York*, which *Thomas* died in 1686, aged 52.

Also *John Colville*, Esq. who is said to have been a goldsmith of *London*, and purchased the manor of *Popenhoe*, in this town, and had by *Dorothy* his wife, daughter of — Bishop of *London*, *Josiah Colville*, Esq. of *Lincoln's Inn*, *London*, in 1685, then aged 27, died at *Wisbeach*, December 25, 1705, and was buried at *Newton*, leaving *Ann* his sister and heir. *Robert Colville*, Esq. of *Newton*, in the isle of *Ely*, is now lord.

I find also a little manor, called *Colleter's*, or *Collector's*, in this town, held of the *Colvilles*. In the 9th of *Henry VIII.* Sir *John Audley*, and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed to *Thomas Spring*, &c. a messuage, 380 acres of land, 10s. per ann. rent, by fine, in this town, *Walpole*, *West Walton*, *Tirrington*, &c. and in the 15th of that King, *Thomas Spring* was found to hold the manor of *Collectors*, of Sir *John Colville*, Knt. in soccage, and the rent of 13s. 8d. with one cock, and one hen, per

ann. and in the 11th of *Elizabeth* it was conveyed from the *Springs*, to *Henry Hunston*, of whom see in *Walpole*.

*John Low*, Esq. was lately possessed of a manor, after him *Thomas Potter*, Esq. youngest son of Archbishop *Potter*, and his widow now holds it.

The prior of *Lewes* in *Sussex* had also a manor here belonging to his lordship of *West Walton*, which in 1428 was found to be worth 6*l.* 12*s.* 8*d.* ob. per ann. which on the dissolution was granted to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*: of this see in *West Walton*.

The CHURCH of *Walsoken* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and has a nave, north and south isle, with a chancel covered with lead; at the west end is a tower, with a spire of free-stone.

Against the wall of the steeple, facing the nave of the church, is the effigies of King *Solomon*, sitting in a chair, or throne, in royal robes, projecting from the wall, and on each side of him, a large piece of painting, representing the history and judgment of that King, on the two harlots; and at the east end of the nave, that of King *David*, with his harp; and under it the picture of King *Charles I.*

On the pavement here a gravestone,

*M. S. Petri Wensley, Generosi, Rob. Wensley, clerici, filii, qui obt. 18<sup>o</sup>. Martij, A. D. 1711, at. 28, hec non Eleanora conjugis ipsius quæ morti cessit 13, Julij at. 25. Juxta hos inhumatur Rob. Petri, frater, ob. Oct. 4, 1733. at. 49, and this shield, -----, four escallops, with their heads meeting in the fess point, -----, impaling ----, a chevron between three mullets, on a chief, three bucks heads cabosed.*

Near this one,

*In memory of Elizabeth Wensley, widow, and only daughter of Peter Robertson, of Cheshunt in Hertfordshire, Esq; relict of Robert Wensley of the said town, clerk, who dyed Sept. 26, 1697, aged 47.*

The font is curiously ornamented with imagery work of many saints, our Saviour's passion, and the seven sacraments of the church of *Rome*: and round the foot of it,—

*Remember the soul of S. Honyter and Margaret his wife and John Beforth chaplin.*

A gravestone also,

*In memory of Thomas son of Edw. Southwell, Gent. and Alice his wife, grandson to Rob. Wensley, who died March 11, 1692, aged 25 years.*

One for,

*Rob. Wensley of Walsoken, Gent. buried Nov. 3, 1691, aged 77.*

Also for,

*Alice wife of Rob. Wensley, Gent. who dyed Nov. 9, 1678, aged 65.*

One for,

*Mary, wife of John Gardener, of Wisbeach, Gent. daughter of Rt. Wensley, Gent. died Nov. 4, 1691, aged 40 years.*

At the end of the north isle, one with,

*Orate p. aia Thome Honyter, qui obt. 1<sup>o</sup>. Apr. 1505.*

Also one,

*Orate, p. aiab; Tho. Mey et Katherine, uxor. sue.*

Also a copartment for,

*Anne, wife of Hen. Ferrers, Gent. who died June 3d. 1692, aged 38 ;*  
and this shield, a lozenge, between 4 horse shoes.

At the east end of the south isle an altar monument covered with a marble stone,

*H. S. corpora Joh. Oldman, Generosi, et Gratia, primæ uxoris ejus; ille obt. 27, Martij anno salut. 1733, æt. 57, illa 15 Jan. 1727, æt. 50, juxta etiam Anna, cor. filia, uxor Edw. Wignal, de Wisbeach in Eliensi insula, pharmacopolæ.*

One for

*Elizab. daughter of William Scales, who died Sep. 27, 1694.*

Gravestones also,

*In memory of William Edwards, of Walsoken, Gent. who died May 29, 1680, in his 46 year ; and for Steph. Edwards, his son, who died Jun. 30, 1709, aged 34.—For Eliz. late wife of William Edwards, Gent. who died May 31, 1701, aged 53.*

Also for,

*Thomas Edwards, Gent: who dyed Aug. 13, æt. 73.*

On the pavement in the chancel, a marble grave-stone, with the arms of *Wright*, azure, two bars engrailed, and in chief, three leopards heads, or, impaling *gules*, a chevron between three triple-turretted towers, argent, *Oneby*.

*In memory of Dorothy Wright, widow, daughter of John Oneby, of Leicestershire, Esq; relict of Ezech. Wright, late of Thurstaston in Leicestershire, clerk, by whom she had 2 sons, Nathan\* and Ezech. and a daughter Dorothy, wife of John Twells, late of this town, Esq; who died Sept. 26, in her 65 year, 1691.*

A stone,

*In memory of Frances, wife of Henry Hunston, Gent. daughter of John Hoyle, of Downham, Gent, who died June 10, 1685, aged 56.*

On a mural monument,

*Near this place lye interred the bodies of John Herring, M.A. thirty six years rector of this parish, aged 75, buried June 2, 1717, and of Martha, his wife, daughter of Thomas Potts, of the parish of St. Gregory's, London, aged 44, buried Jan. 3, 1704.*

*This monument is erected in gratefull memory of his excellent parents, by their only son Thomas, Lord Arch-bishop of Canterbury, 1750.*

\* Afterwards Sir Nathan Wright, Lord Keeper of the Great Seal, as I take it.

In this church were the guilds of the assumption of our Lady, that of St. *Thomas* the Martyr, the nativity of our Lady, that of St. *John*, and that of the *Trinity*, as appears from the will of *William Honyter*, of *Walsoken*, in 1513, who desires to be buried in the chapel of our Lady in the church of *Walsoken*, by his brethren: by this it is plain that the east end of the north isle, was that chapel; *Thomas Honiter* being there buried.

The tenths were 26*l.* 8*s.*—Deducted, 1*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

### RECTORS.

*John de More* was rector, and by deed sans date received *Robert Mautelement* into the vicarage of the church of *Walsoken*, paying to him 14 marks of silver, *per ann.* and to the monastery of *Ramsey* the old pension of 20*s.* *per ann.*

A°. 14 King *John*, *William de Lutherfield* was presented to the rectory, by that King.

*Roger de Ravelingham*, in the reign of *Henry III.*

Mr. *Stephen* occurs rector in 22*d* of *Edward I.* and in the 28*th* of that King, a fine was levied between *Roger*, (son of *Roger de Colvile*,) and *Desiderata* his wife, of the advowson of this church, and the abbot of *Ramsey*; whereby for 100*l.* sterling, they confirmed it to the abbot, *Roger* pretending that *Geffrey de Marisco*, ancestor of *Desiderata* was seized thereof in the time of King *John*, who had issue *Stephen*, who was father of *Desiderata*.

1300, *Roger de Norton*, presented by the abbot, &c.

1312, *Richard de Cornwall*, ditto, prebend of *Newbald*, and of *Frydaythorp*, in *Yorkshire*.

1332, *Bartholomew de Bourn*: in the 12*th* of *Edward III.* he had a writ of protection, dated the 10*th* of *April*, going then abroad on the King's business, treasurer of *York*.

1344, Mr. *Thomas de Hatfield*, by the King, afterwards Bishop of *Durham*; he exchanged for *Hadenham*, in *Cambridgeshire*.

*John de Wrolytyng*, by the King.

*John Loring*, by the Pope.

1386, *Henry de Winwick*, by the Pope.

1390, *Thomas Martin*, the King's chaplain, by the King.

1401, Mr. *Peter Pykering*, (exchanged for *Tring*, in *Lincoln* diocese,) by the abbot.

1405, *Robert Clerk*, by the abbot.

1405, *Robert Clerk*, by Sir *John Pelham*, and Sir *John Tiptoft*, *hac vice*.

1406, *Reginald Braybrook*, (exchanged for *Holywell*, alias *Finsbury*, prebend in the church of St. *Paul's*) by *John Styvecle*, &c. also prebend of *Bartonsham*, in *Herefordshire*.

1408, *John Laurence*, exchanged for *Grantsden*, in *Cambridgeshire*, ditto, on an exchange with *William Walskeif*.

1408, *John Roland*, (exchanged for *Styvenache*, in *Herefordshire*) Ditto.

1416, Mr. *Peter Styvecle*, LL.B.

*William Ashenden*, rector, by the prior.

1433, Mr. *John Storthwayt*, by the abbot.

1496, *John Lane*, by the abbot.

1498, *Mr. Henry Trevylian*, (*ditto*,) *custos* of *Wingfield college*, *Suffolk*, *ditto*.

*Robert Bekke*, rector.

1444, *Richard Knott*, by the abbot.

1448, *Robert Brome*.

1451, *John Perre*.

1458, *John King*.

*Richard Burton*.

1472, *Mr. John Crosse*, master of grammar.

1473, *Nicholas Hewys*, by the abbot.

1495, *Thomas Hobbys*.

1502, *Mr. Thomas Hare*, LL. D. chancellor of *Norwich*, &c.

1520, *Mr. William Stillington*, *juris pontific. Dr.* on *Hare's* death.

*Ditto*.

1588, *Francis Snell*, S. T. B. by the Queen.

*Humphrey Rosie*, occurs rector, 1619, then compounded for first fruits.

*Thomas Grouse*, in 1620.

*Robert Balam* occurs rector 1635, and then compounded.

*John Herring*, M. A. he was father to *Dr. Thomas Herring*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who was born here, 1693.

1717, *Edward Cross*, by *Edward Cross*.

1733, *Paul Bachelor*, by *John Creed*, Esq.

1742, *John Forster*, by *John Creed*, Esq.

The ancient valor of this church was 40 marks, besides the portion paid to the abbot of *Ramsey* 40s. *per ann.* Peter-pence, 3s. 4d.—the portion paid belonged to the sacrist of the abbey, and was granted by *John of Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*.

The present valor is 30*l.* 13s. 4d. and pays first fruits and tenths.

These arms were anciently in this church, *argent*, a chevron engrailed *sable*, between three griffins heads erased, *azure*, on a chief, *gules*, a star between two mullets *or*, the arms of *Dr. Hare*, rector.

*Gules*, a fess undee between three mullets, *argent*, *Everard*.

*Argent*, a fret *azure*, on every joint, a lis, *or*, on a canton, *gules*, a star, impaling *Heveningham*, in a window of the south isle.

In this parish was a chapel dedicated to the Holy *Trinity*, at the place called the *Stathe-Dyck*, in which was a famous guild or fraternity, with *custos*, or master.

In 1461, *Eborardus* was *custos*, as he styles himself, of the chapel and hospital of the Holy *Trinity* of *Walsoken*.

*Pope Urban VI.* *Boniface IX.* *Martin V.* *Paul II.* and *Sixtus V.* granted to the brothers and sisters of this fraternity, and to all who were benefactors to it, surprising indulgences, as will appear from what I have here subjoined, taken from a rude and imperfect copy of a deed of admission of two persons into this fraternity, under the seal of the aforesaid *Eborard*.

*Universis S'ce matris eccl'ie filijs ad quos p'sentes litter. p'venerint, Eborard. custos capelle et hospitalis S'ce Trinitatis de Walsoken, Norwic. dioc. et ejusd. loci confratres et consorores salut. in D'no. se'pitern. noverit universitas vestra veneranda qd piissimus in Xto, pater et Dominus noster D'nus Urban. divina miseratione Papa Sextus, de plenitudine sue pietat. nobis induluit qd. eis qui de facultatib; suis, &c.*



nobis subvenerit, et in sanctam societatem nostram statuerunt se collegas, nobis ----- que beneficia præstiterint, annuatim septem partem panitent. ----- relaxavit tres annos et centum dies veniens totiens quotiens hoc fecerunt vel meruerint, concessit ac etiam plenariam participat. omnium missar. et aliar. oration. spiritual. que sunt et decet. fient in universali ecclesiâ ad quas p'tin. fuerint interdict. ipsis qu. mori contigerit nisi excommuni. vel no'iati interdicti aut publici usurarij fuerint ecclesiastica sepultura eis non negabitur et curati eor. qui habent curas a'imar q; suar. possint eos absolvere ab omnib; eor. peccat. contritis et confessis, ac etiam oblitis, nisi forte talia comiserint p'pr. que sedes apostolica sit merito consulenda, quas quidem concessionem sanctissimi in Xto, patres Bonifacius Papa non. Martinus quintus, Paulus secund. et Sixtus papa quintus misericorditer. p. ampli. confirmat. confirmavi et qd. dilecti. nobis in Christo Tho. Hutton ---- Dekkys, caritati subsidia nobis donaver. in dictam confraternitatem nostram eos assumimus, et intr. nostros confratres Xti. pauperes ----- amicos eos ----- in Deo possumus omniam bonor. spiritualium intr. nos confratres habitos. et in posterum habendos. missar. et alior. omn. jejuniar. vigiliar. abstinentiar. elemosinar. et peregrinat. participes esse volumus p'p'sentes. In cujus rei testimon. sigill. custod. hospital. nostri p'dicti p'sentib; est appensum. Dat. apd. Walsoken in capella n'ra sexto die Octob. Anno Dni. Millesimo cccc. lxxxi.

The seal is oblong, having under an arch the effigies or representation of God the Father, supporting our Saviour on the cross, as was frequently and profanely used in the church of Rome; below that the custos at prayers, with a legend, Sigill. ----- confrat. et consoror. ----- Trinit. de Walsoken,

The absolution on the admission of a brother, &c. *Auctoritate Dei Omnipot. et beator. Petri et Pauli ac auctoritate apostolicâ mihi in hac parte commissâ, Ego Te absolvo ob omnib; peccatis p. te vere contritis et mihi confessis, nec non ab omnib; peccatis tuis oblitis de quib; velles confiteri si tue occurrerit memoriæ ac septimam partem panitent. Auctoritate literar. et postolicar. concessar. relaxo, in nomine patris, &c.*

By a like deed, John Berners, Esq. was admitted in 1476, (who was second son of Thomas Berners, Esq. 2d son of Sir John Berners Lord Berners) who married a daughter and coheir of Sir Henry Bruin of South Okendon in Essex, remarried to Robert Harleston.

John Alcock, Bishop of Ely, March 4, 1487, granted 40 days indulgence to all who contributed to the support of this hospital.

To this guild there also belonged certain chaplains. Thomas Martynson, priest of the hospital, in 1512, wills to be buried in the chapel or chapel yard of this hospital, as that shall please the master.

Thomas Jackson died custos in 1475.

Hewet, custos, succeeded.

Thomas Jackson, custos, and the brethren, granted indulgence to Maurice Jenkin and Margaret his wife, March 2, 1468, by virtue of the Pope's bull aforesaid.

On its dissolution, King Edward VI. granted, it on the 21 of August, in his 6th year, to Mary Duchess of Richmond and Somerset, with all the messuages, lands, &c. belonging to it in Walsoken, West Walton, Wisbeche, Leverington, Elme, and Ennyth, to be held by knight's service, and in capite of the King.

Soon after this, and in the said year, Robert Balam held it in

*capite* of the King, by the 3d part of a fee; and 125 acres belonged to it, as appears in the 21 of *Elizabeth*, when *Alexander Balam* had a pardon for purchasing it of *Robert Balam*, without license, which *Robert* died *September 2, 14* of *Elizabeth*, and left *Elizabeth* his wife daughter, as it is said, of *Sir John Cressener* of *Morley* in *Norfolk*; — *Balam* of *Barton-Mills* in *Suffolk*, son of *Alexander Balam*, was his cousin and heir, on whose death it came to *Charles Balam Esq.* younger son of *Alexander*, which *Charles* was found to die seized of it *May 31*, in the 34th of the said Queen; and *Robert* was his son and heir, aged 12 years; and the said *Charles* also held a capital messuage in *Walsoken*, called *St. Rokes*, with 4 acres, &c. belonging to it, held of the King in *capite*, and the service of 26s. 8d. per ann.

Probably this capital messuage was the chapel of *St. Roche's*, to which *Thomas Martynson*, priest of *Trinity-Hospital* aforesaid, was a benefactor, and left a legacy to the light of *St. Anne* in *St. Roche's* chapel, in 1512; and in *November 3*, in 1639, *Charles Balam*, son of *Robert*, died possessed of it.

Mention is made of *Walsoken* hermitage in the 2d of *Henry V.*

*Balam* bore sable, on a fess, between three stars, argent, as many pellets.

The prior of *Mermond* had lands in this town, granted *July 23*, in the 2d of Queen *Mary*, to *Thomas Rove*, and *Giles Isham*, taxed in 1428 at 4l. 10s. 2d. ob. and at the said time had a grant of lands belonging to the priory of *Mirmound*. The temporalities in 1428, were 4l. 10s. 2d. ob.

*Walsoken* sea bank, from *Newgate-Slowe* to *Emneth* sea-dike, was three miles in length.

## WEST-WALTON.

THAT is, a town by the wall or mound which was to defend it from the tides, &c. and called *West* in respect of another *Walton* in this hundred, &c. lying east of it. *Toche*, a freeman, was lord of it in the Confessor's time, a Saxon thane of great possessions, lord also of *Castleacre*, in both which *William Earl Warren* and *Surry* succeeded him on the conquest, when he was dispossessed. *St. Peter* held under him one carucate of land; to this lordship belonged 60 villains, 66 borderers, 8 servi, 100 acres of meadow, and 5 carucates in demean; there were 6 carucates amongst the tenants; seven salt works at the survey, and formerly 36 breeding mares; at the survey none, &c. paunage for 114 swine, and 800 sheep; 6 socmen also belonged to

\* Charles is said to marry Ann, daughter of ——— Fincham. beth, daughter of John Byot, Gent. and left Elizabeth, Alice, Mary, Ann, Jane,

\* This Charles is said to marry Eliza- and Susan, daughters and coheirs.

it with a carucate of land, and 40 acres of meadow; there were also 17 borderers and 3 carucates and an half, and 7 salt-pits; the whole valued at 17*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and is 4 leucas long, and 2 furlongs broad, whoever is lord of it, and pays 2*s.* of a 20*s.* gelt.<sup>2</sup>

This is of the fee of *Fredric*. By *St. Peter* we are to understand the priory of *Lewes*, which was a cell to the abbey of *St. Peter in Burgundy*, in *France*; and by this it appears that the priory of *Lewes* was founded by the *Earl Warren*, (to which he gave this manor,) before the survey.

### THE PRIOR OF LEWES'S MANOR.

*Fredric* abovementioned often occurs in *Domesday* book, in towns and lordships of the *Earl Warren*, and seems to be lord of it after *Toche*, before the *Earl Warren* had possession of it; thus *Gressenhale* in *Launditch* hundred.

*Toche* held in the reign of *King Edward*, afterwards *Fredric*; and *Lexham Ofchetel*, a freeman, held it in *King Edward's* days, afterwards *Fredric*.

The value and extent of this lordship shews the greatness of it, extending itself into *Walsoken*, *Emmeth*, *Walpole* and *Tyrington*.

*William*, the first *Earl Warren*, being in full possession of this lordship, gave it to the priory of *Lewes* in *Sussex*, founded by the said *Earl* for the soul of *Gundreda* his Countess.

*Henry II.* by his charter, *sans* date, granted and confirmed to the monks of *St. Pancrase* of *Lewes*, all the lands, tenures and churches they had in the time of *King Henry* his grandfather: *A* (*Alured*) Bishop of *Worcester*, and *Henry*, son of *Gerold* the chamberlain, witnesses.

In the 3*d* of *Edward I.* the prior was found to hold wreck at sea, gallows, assise of bread and beer, &c. with the moiety of the advowson, (or a mediety) of the church of *West-Walton*, of the gift of *Hamelyn Plantaginet* *Earl Warren* and *Surry*.

About this time it appears from an old deed, *sans* date, in the *Exchequer* court, amongst the evidences of the priory of *Lewes*, That whereas there had been suit between that prior on the one part, and *Sir Thomas*, Knt. of *St. Omer*, *Symon le Curteys*, and others, parceners in *Uptwell-Marsh*, as well before the King's justices, &c. about common of pasture in *Uptwell-Marsh*, in *Norfolk*, in which the prior claimed right of common, and the others denied it; at length it was agreed that the prior and his successors should have right for all their own cattle belonging to the manor of *West Walton*, freely; but the prior, his tenants, villains, &c. should not bring any cattle belonging to any other of his manors to feed there, &c. and that the prior should be

<sup>2</sup> T're. Willi. de Warrenna—  
Waltuna ten. Toche lib. ho. T. R. E.  
mo. ten. S'cs. Petrus un. car. t're. semp.  
lx vill. tc. lxiij bord. mo. lxxvi tnc. xliij  
serv. mo. viij et c acr. p'ti. tc. vi car. in  
d'nio. p. nulla mo. v semp. vi car. hom.  
tc. i salina et dim. mo vii tc. xliij runc.  
mo viij tc. xxxvi equæ, mo. null. tc.  
xxliij an. mo. xliij tc. c porc. mo. cxliij.

tc. dcc ovs. modo dccc: hinc man.  
jacent vi soc. i car. terre. et x ac. et xxx  
ac. p'ti. semp. xvij bord. et iii car. et  
dim. et vii saline tot. val. xvij lib. et x  
sol. Tot. hinc iij leug. in long. et ii qr.  
in lato quicu'q; ibi teneat et reddit ii sol.  
de gelto de xx sol. hoc est de feudo Fre-  
drici.

helping to them to maintain the liberty of common according to the quantity of their lands in *Upwell*, &c. to which the said parceners put their common seal;

Witnesses, *Adam de Hakbeache*, Sir *Walter de Denver*, Knt. *Joceline*, son of *Nicholas de Walpol*, &c. The prior, *ao. 15*, had a patent for a fair and mercate here,

The temporalities of this priory in 1428, were valued in this town, in land, mill, perquisites of court, &c. at 18*l.* 1*s.* per ann.

On the 7th of *May*, 1434, *Robert Auncell*, prior of *Lewes*, granted to *William Pyrton*, subprior, and his successors, 10 marks per ann. for their support, viz. 4 marks of the pension of this church of *West Walton*, and 6 marks of the pension of *St. Olaves, Southwark*, to celebrate an anniversary for this prior after his decease.

On the dissolution of the priory of *Lewes*, *Robert*, the last prior, granted this lordship, that of *Walsoken*, &c. by fine, passed in *St. Michaelmas* term, to King *Henry VIII.* in his 29 year; and on the 22d of *December* in the said year, the King granted it to *Thomas Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*, together with the mediety of the church belonging to the said priory, to be held in *capite* by knight's service; but was forfeited to the Crown afterwards, on the attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk*, and granted *July 1*, by Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 23d year, to *Philip Howard* Earl of *Arundel*, son of *Tho.* the late Duke, which *Philip* being also attainted, it came again to the Crown, and was granted *November 22*, in the 6th year of King *James I.* to *Thomas* Earl of *Suffolk*.

And on *December 1*, in the 10th of King *James I.* this lordship, with that of *Walsoken* and *Walpole*, late belonging to the prior of *Lewes*, was conveyed to *John Hare*, Esq. son of *John Hare*, mercer of *London*, (brother of Sir *Nicholas Hare*) by *Dorothy* his wife; which *John Hare*, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *John Croch* of *Cornbury* in *Hertfordshire*, Esq. had *Hugh Hare*, who was created lord of *Colrain* in *Ireland*, *August 3*, 1625, and by *Lucy*, daughter of *Henry* Earl of *Manchester*, had *Henry* Lord *Colrain*, who by *Constantia*, daughter of Sir *Richard Lucy* of *Broxbourn* in *Hertfordshire*, Bart. had *Hugh Hare*, Esq. who died before his father, and left by *Lydia* his wife, daughter of *Matthew Carleton* of *Edmunton*, in *Middlesex*, Esq. *Hen. Hare* his son, born *May 11*, 1693, Lord of *Colrain*, who married *Constantia*, daughter of ——— *Hanger*, of *London*, merchant.

On the death of the late *Henry* Lord *Colrain*, in 1749, it came to the Crown, as an escheat, his heir being a minor and an alien.

At the survey, the abbot or church of *Ely*, was found to hold, as in the Confessor's reign, lordships in *Marham*, *Beckeswell*, *Fincham*, *Fothorp*, *Hilgey*, *Fordham*, and *Downham* in *Clackclose* hundred;—*West Walton* and *Islington*, in *Freebridge* hundred;—*Feltwell Northwold*, and *Muntford* in *Grimshew* hundred;—*Bridgham*, *Roudham*, in *Shropham* hundred;—*Banham*, *Norton*, *Rushworth*, in *Gillcross* hundred;—*Orwick*, *How*, in *Launditch* hundred;—*Derham*, *Thorp*, *Calveley*, *Tudenham*, *Shipdam*, *Matteshall*, *Thurstun*, *Yakesham*, in *Mitford* hundred;—*Brunsthorp*, in *Brothercross* hundred;—*Pulham*, *Pilerton*, in *Ersham* hundred;—*Titeshall*, *Thelton*, in *Diss* hundred;—*Thurton*, in *Loddon* hundred;—*Stratton*, in *Deepwade* hundred.

## BISHOP OF ELY'S MANOR.

*St. Adeldreda*, or *St. Audrey*, that is the church of *Ely*, held in the time of King *Edward*, and at the survey, a lordship containing then 4 carucates of land, 20 villains, 40 borderers, and 15 servi, 100 acres of meadow, a fishery; there were 5 carucates in demean, and 3 amongst the tenants, 24 saltworks, 1300 sheep; and 47 acres in *Isington* belonged to it, which 2 villains held; and 7 socmen had a carucate of land, and 11 borderers, and 3 servi, with 2 carucates, and was always valued at 15*l. per ann.*<sup>3</sup>

The lands belonging to this manor, the many villains, borderers, &c. and the value of it, at that time, testify that it was a large and capital manor, and indeed we find it to take in part of *Walsoken*, *Walpole*, *Tyrington*, &c.

In the 35th of *Henry III.* the Bishop of *Ely* had a charter of free warren here, &c. lete, and other liberties, as in *Walsoken*, and a mercate and fair in the 55th of the said King.

By inquisitions of the free men of the Bishop of *Ely's* manor, in 1277, it was presented that this town was within the Bishop's lete in *Marshland*, where the bishop's bailiff within the lete might hold pleas of all things which the sheriff might, with writ or without; had return of writs, cognizance of all measures; that the Bishop had a moiety of the advowson of the church, with his demeans and homages, and the demeans and homage of Sir *Stephen de Marisco*; the demeans were 201 acres of arable, to be ploughed by two ploughs of 6 oxen each, and 3 scots to harrow; there were lost by the inundation of the sea, and turned to marsh 33 acres and an half; there were 63 acres of wood, 90 acres of pasture, common of pasture in *West-Fen*.

The whole town was to cleanse 5 furlongs of the *Poke-Dike*. The stock was 10 cows, one free bull, no hogs, one free boar, 300 sheep, one windmill; and the free tenants were *Henry*, son of *Osbert de Walpole*, *John de Walpole*, *William de Sculham*, *John de Ingaldesthorp*, &c. divers customs of the manor are mentioned, as *Heriots*, &c.

In the 34th of *Henry VI.* the Bishop's manor was valued at 6*yl. 8s. 6d. q. per ann.* and it continued in the see of *Ely* till the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, when by an act of Parliament it came to the Crown,<sup>4</sup> and in the 21st of King *James I.* it was possessed by *Charles* Prince of *Wales*, and afterwards was held by *Katherine* Queen Dowager of King *Charles II.*

In the reign of King *James I.* the rents of the free and customary tenants, were 13*l. 9s. 11d. q.* and the rent of the manor or farm, 150*l. 7s. q. per ann.*

This is now held by *William Folkes*, Esq. by lease from the Crown.

Sir *Stephen de Marisco*, as has been observed, held here and in *Walsoken*, &c. a lordship, which afterwards came to the *Colvile's*, (of

<sup>3</sup> Terra S'ce Adeldrede ———  
Waltuna tenuit S'ca Aeld. T. R. E.  
p. iiii. car. t're. sep. xx vii. xl bor. tc.  
xvii ser. mo. xiii c. ac. p'ti. i pisc. sep.  
v car. in d'mo. et iii car. hom. tc. xxii  
sal. modo xxiii sep. vi runc. tc. xviii

an. mo. xvi tc. xxii por. mo. xxiii sep.  
m. ccc. ov. hic jacent xlvii ac. t're. in  
Esingetuna qd. semp. tenent ii vill. et  
vii soc. de i car. t're. et xi bor. et iii ser.  
sep. ii car. sep. val. xv lib.

<sup>4</sup> See in *Tyrington*, *Ely* manor.

which family see in *Walsoken*) the Bishop of *Ely*'s fee extending into that town; and *Robert Colville*, Esq. of *West Newton*, in the isle of *Ely*, was lord in 1762.

*Osbert de Stradeset*, son of *Roger de Stradeset*, also held lands of the see of *Ely*; he and his wife *Maud* gave by deed *sans date*, to *Castleacre* priory,<sup>5</sup> 26 acres of marsh here, which was the land of *Roger le Hare*, and all the right they had therein, for the health of their souls, saving to the Bishop of *Ely*, half a mark of silver yearly, to be paid at the four stated times of payment, and saving the work<sup>6</sup> that was to be done at the castle of *Wisbeach*, with other freemen of *Walton*;—witnesses, *Walter de Nieuth*, steward of the Earl *Warren*, *Geff. de Melders*, *Adam de Hakebech*, *Ralph Dalionn Alexander Sewer* of *Acra*, *John de Fincham*, *Ralph de Barsham*, &c. *sans date*.

It is here added, "as the deed of *Eustuchius*, of good memory, late Bishop of *Ely*, fully testifies."

In the 6th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *William de Sculham*, querent, *Robert Hawteyn* and *Joane* his wife, of a messuage, 20 acres of land and 12s. rent in this town, *Walsoken* and *Haggebech*, (in *Emueth*) granted to *William*, from the heirs of *Joan*: and in the 35th of *Henry III.* a fine was passed between *Agnes*, the widow of *William de Sculham*, querent, and *John de Sculham*, tenant, of the moiety of 720 acres of land and marsh, 3 mills, 4 salt-pits, 3s. rent, and the third part of the twelfth part of one knight's fee in this town, *Walsoken*, *Walpole*, *Tirington*, *Tyluey*, *Sechithe*, *Clenchwarton*, and *Lenne*, which *Agnes* claimed as her dower, with 2 crofts in *Clenchwarton*, &c. granted to her in dower, she releasing all her right (to *John*) in the rest.

#### LOVELL'S MANOR, &c. CLARE FEE.

The family of *Repps* had also lands in this town, held of several lords. *Thomas de Repps* was a commissioner of sewers, to view the sea walls, bridges and causeys along the sea coast between *Wygenhale*, *Tyrington*, and *Lenne*, and to levy money for their repairs, in the 2d year of *Edward III.*; and in the 38th of *Henry VI.* *William Lovell* held here, in *Walpole*, &c. one fee of the honour of *Clare*.

In the 24th of *Henry VIII.* *Robert*, prior of *St. Pancrase*, of *Lewes*, and the convent, demised to *John Repps*, late of *West Walton*, Gent. their manor of *West Walton*, the site of the manor, houses, demesne lands, meadows, feeding pastures, (except the hall, and two chambers at both ends of the hall,) with the garden, the meadow called *Bromstoven*, and the *New-Hall*, at the yearly rent of 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

*Repps* was to farm the same, to find the prior's officers, when they came, oats, hay, and beans as long as they staid; the prior to repair the sea banks, sea dykes, fen dykes, and to pay the King's dues; and in the 31st of *Henry VIII.* the manor of *Sybelis*, or *Syblis*, with messuages and tenements in *West Walton*, and *Walpole*, was conveyed to him by fine, from *Thomas Holland*, Gent. which manor (as I take it) was late *Henry Smith's*, *Margaret*, one of his daughters and coheirs, being married to this *John Repps*, another daughter and coheir to *Holland*.

<sup>5</sup> Reg. Castleac. fol. 72.

<sup>6</sup> See in *Tirington*, *Ely* manor.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, October 1, in the 5th of *Charles I.* it was found that *Henry Repps, Esq.* died in the 4th of *Charles I.* on the 23d of *March*, seized of a capital messuage, 324 acres of land, of which the messuage with 58 acres, was held of the King's manor in *West Walton*, in soccage, and paid 12s. 1½d. *per ann.* also of 16 acres held of *Coleville's* manor, in soccage, of 54 acres held of *Hunston's* manor, in soccage, and of 196 acres held of the manor of *West Walton*, in soccage; and the manor of *Clare*, in *Walpole*, held of the King, of the honour of *Clare*, by knight's service, and *John* was his son and heir, aged 18, *September 16*, in 1629, by *Ann*, daughter of — *Cotterell Esq.*

*John Repps, Esq.* died possessed of it about 1750, leaving 3 daughters and coheirs; *Frances*, married to the Rev. Mr. *Baldwin*, rector of *Brand Parva*; *Dorothy*, married to *George Schutz, Esq.* and *Vertue*, to *John Hays, Esq.*

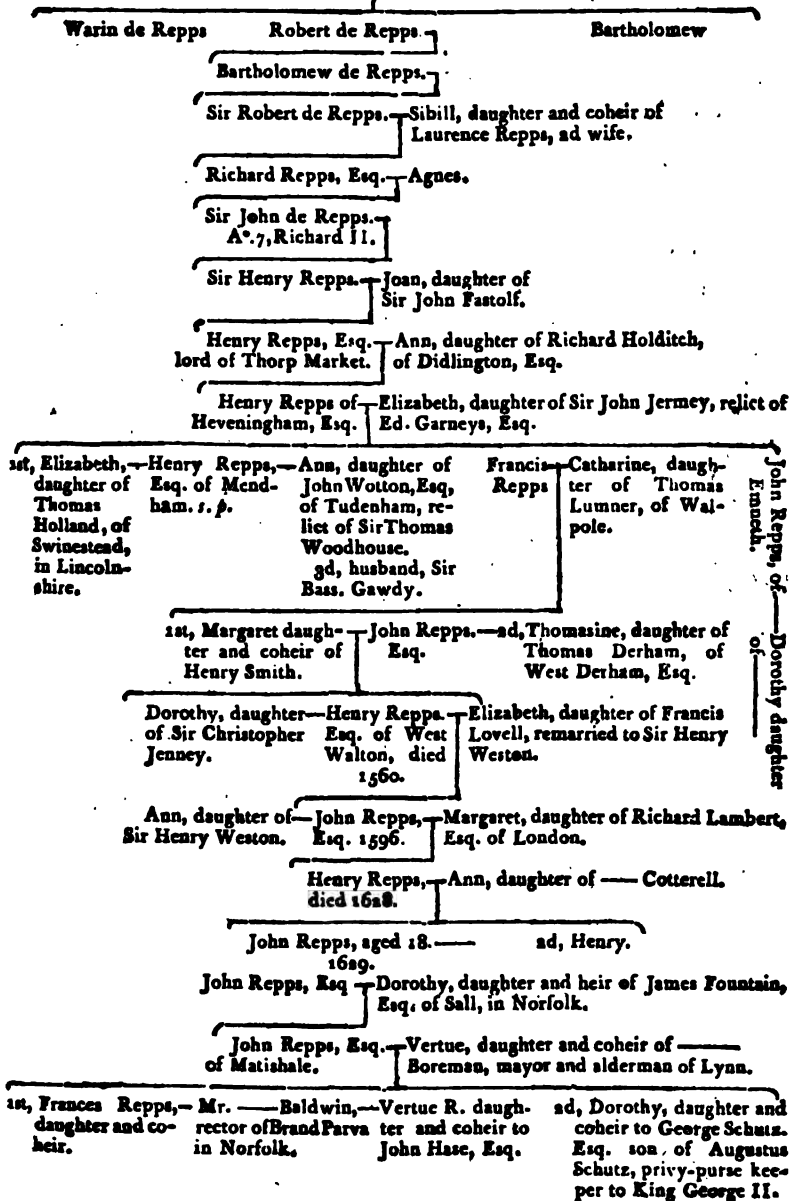
This *John*, on his father's death in 1723, paid his fine for this manor, which extended into *Walpole*, and held of the honour of *Clare*.

The tenths of this town were 23l.—Deducted 2l. 12s.

The family being extinct in the male line, by the death of *John Repps, Esq.* who died at *Matteshale*, in *Norfolk*, in 1750, I shall here give a copy of the direct descent of the said gentleman, taken from his pedigree.

REPPS'S PEDIGREE

Ralph de Repps lived in the time of the Conqueror,  
and had Bartholomew de Repps  
his son and heir.



Nicholas de Repps married Avelyne, daughter of Henry de Hameby,  
of Ingworth.



*Peter*, son and heir of Sir *Peter de Hobois*, gave lands to her in *Calthorpe*.

*Laurence Danyel* of *Walsoken* died seized of 180 acres of land, in this town, and *Walsoken*, in the 39d of *Henry VI.* in the 32d of the said King, he was found aged 50, and to be heir and cousin of *Joan*, widow of *Thomas Chepstede*, and thereby had the manor of *Stanhow Marshes* or *Marshes*, in *Norfolk*, which he enjoyed but one year, and left them to his son, *Thomas Danyel*, who was then 30 years old: this *Thomas* was constable (as I take it) of *Rysing Castle*, and afterwards a knight: see in *Rysing*.

The CHURCH of *West Walton* is dedicated to *St. Mary*, it has a curious free-stone tower, standing south of the church, about 22 yards, in which are 5 bells, a nave, a north and south isle, all covered with lead, with a chancel, and consists of two medieties.

In the north isle, on a monument,

*Here lyeth John Reppis, of West Walton, in the county of Norfolk, Esq. who deceased the 25th day of March in the year of our Lord God M. CCCCLXI, which had 2 wyves, the whiche was Margaret, eldest daughter, and one of the heyres of Henry Smythe, by whom he had yssue Henrye Reppes, that now ys, and seven daughters; and hys second wife was Thomasen, daughter to Thomas Derham, by whom he had Ela and John.*

About this are several shields — *ermin*, three chevronels, *argent*, *Repps*, with a crest, a plume of feathers, *ermin*, issuing out of a coronet, with a pair of wings, *or*. — *Repps*, impaling *Heveningham*, quarterly, *or*, and *gules*, in a bordure ingrailed, *sable*, of eight escallops, *argent*; — *Jermey*, *argent*, a leopard salient, guardant, *gules*, with his crest, a griffin passant, *gules*; — *Jermey*, impaling *Mouteney*, *azure*, a bend between six martlets, *or*; — *Jermey*, impaling *Worth*, *argent*, on a bend *sable*, three lions heads erased of the first, crowned, *or*; — *Repps*, impaling *Jermey*; *Repps*, impaling *Holditch*, *argent*, on a chevron, *or*, two sea-pies proper; — *Repps* and *Smith*, (quarterly) *or*, a bend, *azure*, between three trefoils slipped, *vert*; — *Repps*, impaling *Derham*, *azure*, a buck's head cabosed, *or*.

On another,

*Monumentum viri multiplici eruditione insignis, sincera pietatis, veraq; justitiæ, cultoris egregij, Henricj Reppes, Armigeri, cujus corpus in cineres resolutum, anima verò in Dei manu superstes diem restitutionis omnium placidè expectat. Qui dum patriæ charus in vivis agerat duas faminas virtute spectabiles, et origine illustres uxores duxit, nempe Dorotheam filiam Christopheri Jenny, Militis, et Elizabetham filiam Franciscj Locell, Militis: Dorothea duas tantum filias partu dedit; Margaretam quæ nuptui tradita fuit Francisco Woodchowse, Armigero. et Elizabetham quæ naturæ debita citissime solvit; Elizabetha, vero in Dorothea vicem parens fecundior succedens hisce sex liberis Henricum auxit, Henrico, Annâ, Johanne seniore, Thomasinâ, Francisco, Joanne juniore; ex quibus Joh. seniore, et Franciscus hujus lucis usurâ modo fruuntur: Johannes duas sibi virgines lectissimas uxores adjunxit, primum Annam, filiam Henr. Weston, Militis, deinde Mariam, filiam Richardi Lambert, Armigerj; Franciscus locatam accepit Janam filiam Hunfri-*

*di Guybon, Armigeri, tandem arumosa vite metam pertingens, Henric. corporis hujus tabernaculo terrestri deposito erequiarum justis potitus est 10 die Octob. A. ab Incarnato Messiah, 1566.*

About this, are the shields of *Repps* and *Smith*, impaled, and the crest of *Repps*; *Woodhouse*, of *Waxham*, quarterly, *ermine* and *azure*, a leopard's head, or, impaling *Repps*;—*Repps* and *Smith*, quarterly, impaling *Jenney*, *ermin*, a bend, *gules*, cottised, or;—*Repps* and *Smith*, &c. impaling *Weston*, *ermine*, on a chief *azure*, five bezants:—*Repps*, &c. impaling *Lovell*, *argent*, a chevron, *azure*, between three squirrels, sejant, *gules*;—*Repps*, &c. impaling *Lambert*, —, on a bend engrailed between two lions rampant, three annulets;—*Repps*, &c. impaling *Guybon*, or, a lion rampant, *sable*, over all, on a bend, *gules*, three escallops, *argent*.

In the nave lies a large marble stone, which has been ornamented with a rim of brass, now reaved; what remains is

\*\*\*\*\* *EDWARDUS: RECTOR: ECCLESIE. DE WESTWALTON: ET. SOUTHERN*, :: probably in memory of *Richard Smith*, who occurs rector of *Southrey*, in *Norfolk*, in 1395, and afterwards rector here in 1422.

A grave-stone

*In memory of Edward Southwell, Gent. who dyed June 19, 1708, aged 76; his 2d wife was Ann, daughter of Henry Fisher, of this parish Gent.*

*Here lyeth Henry Fisher, Gent. son of Peter Fisher, Gent. who dyed July 27, 1717, aged 46.*

In the chancel, a grave-stone

*In memory of Susanna, wife of David Bell, rector of this church who died March 26, 1696.*

On the north side of the chancel, a little advanced from the pavement, lies a religious person in his habit; under a tabernacle, said to be an abbot.

*John Wace*, priest of *West Walton*, buried in this church, in 1536.

The portion belonging to the patronage of the priory of *Lewes*, was called *William's* portion, and was valued at 21 marks, and the prior had a portion of tithes also, valued at 4 marks. Present valor 16*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

## RECTORS.

*William de Askeby* occurs rector in the 24th of *Edward I.*

1304, *Mr. Thomas de Suthwerk* performed canonical obedience to the Bishop of *Norwich*, on whom the archbishop of *Canterbury*, in a metropolitan visitation, had collated this mediety.

1320, *Roger de Aschedone*, by the Pope's provision.

1356, —————, *Apostolicus*, that is, by the Pope's provision.

1376, *William de Yoxhall*, *Apostolicus*.

1383, *Ralph de Wermyngham*, by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*.

- William Northall*, by the prior, &c. of *Lewes*.  
 1388, *Andrew Read* (an exchange for *Martham*). Ditto.  
 1390, *John Wrotting*. Ditto.  
 1420, *William Newbald*. Ditto.  
 1422, *Richard Smith*, alias *Preston*, Ditto.  
 1431, *Thomas Edingham*. Ditto.  
 1432, *Richard Bedford*. (exchanged for *Hardress*, in *Kent*.) Ditto.  
 1434, *Thomas Hervey*. Ditto.  
 1460, *Robert Hamonde*. Ditto.  
 1487, *Thomas Burdall*. Ditto.  
 1524, *Steph. Lewes*. Ditto.  
 1537, *Nicholas Saunders*, A. M. Ditto.  
 1550, *Richard Hughs*, A. M. by the Princess *Mary*, the King's sister.  
 1572, *William Hattersley*, by the Queen, on the attainder of the Duke of *Norfolk*, and rector of *Shipdam*.  
 1572, *John Pryse*, by *John Blennerhasset*, *William Dyr*, &c.  
 1582, *Matthew Champion*, or *Campion*, by *Philip Earl of Arundel*.  
*John Williamson*.  
 1614, *John Goodyer*, compounded in *August* for first fruits, &c.  
*Peter Dobbs*, rector in 1647.  
*David Bell*, rector in 1696.

1729, *William Primate*, by *Henry Lord Colrain*, on *Bell's* death.

The patronage of this mediety was in the late Lord *Coleraine*.

*William de Sculham*, by deed, binds himself, that nothing shall be withdrawn from, or any loss ensue to the mother church, in prejudice to the person of *Walton*, on account of the chapel which he had erected in his hall, at *Walton*; that the chaplains shall swear fealty to him: all obventions to be paid to the mother church; the chaplain shall not receive the confession of any parishioner, or perform any spiritual act without license (*Regist. Lewes*); and if the chaplains there should offend in any thing aforesaid, it may be lawful for the chaplains of the mother church to interdict them; — witnesses, *Robert Bozun*, prior of *Acre*, Mr. *Robert de Bilney*, official, &c. and there was to be no bell in the said chapel; this was about 1230.

*Adam*, son of *Ralph de Walpole*, gives one mark of silver *per ann.* to the prior of *Lewes*, for all his free land belonging to the two medieties of the churches of *Walpole*, and *Walton*; witnesses, *Jeffrey de Feltwell*, *Alan de Ingaldesthorp*, &c.

The chapel of *St. Catharine*, in *West Walton*, lately dissolved, valued at 53s. 1d. ob. in 1555, the pension of *William Clerk*, late chantry priest 53s. 3d. an annuity paid by the Crown.

*Walter Bishop of Norwich*, translated the feast of the church of *West Walton*, from the day after the feast of *St. Peter ad vincula*, to the 24 of *September*.

The Bishop of *Ely* had a grant from King *Henry III.* of a weekly *mercate* here, on *Wednesday*, and a fair every year, on the vigil, the day, and day after the assumption of the Blessed Virgin. *Regist. Lewes*.—The church is dedicated to the Virgin.

The church of *West Walton* consisted of two medieties, one in the patronage of the Bishop of *Ely*, the other in the prior and convent

\* This chapel was endowed with several lands, meadows and pastures, and granted by King *Edward VI.* in his ad-

year to *Thomas Woodhouse*, of *Waxham*,

of *Lewes*: this which was in the Bishop, was anciently valued at 18 marks, and called *Nicholas's* portion: *Peter-pence* 8*d.* the present valor 16*l.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

RECTORS.

*Nicholas*, rector about 1250.

1312, Mr. *Ralph de Pylton* had the sequestration granted to him, by the Bishop of *Ely*.

1312, Mr. *Thomas Bainard*, collated by the Bishop, rector.

1321, Mr. *Robert de Brokford*. Ditto.

1334, *Jeffrey de Clare*, (exchanged for *Bodney*) ditto.

1347, *John de Kettlebury*, exchanged for *Weston Colvile*, *Cambridgeshire*) ditto.

1348, *John Claworth* (exchanged for the prebend of the sacrist in the collegiate church of *Castercuby*, in *Bangor* diocese) ditto.

*John de Ely*, ejected as an usurper, by the Pope's delegates.

1357, *James de Horningtoft*, by the King, the temporalities of the see then in his hands.

1361, *John de Folkingham*, by the King, the temporalities of the see then in his hands.

1372, *Hugh de Gandeby*, by the Bishop of *Ely*, an exchange for *East Mersey*, in *Essex*.

1376, *William de Roxall*, apostolicus.

1386, Mr. *William de Northwold*, by *Thomas* Bishop of *Ely*.

1388, *William Aubyn*, (exchanged for *Kengham*, in *Lincoln* diocese) by the Bishop, &c.

1388, *John de Southam*, by the King, on account of the temporalities, &c. prebendary of *Ulveton*, in the church of *Litchfield*.

1389, *Thomas Elyot*, (exchanged for *Wytycherche*, in *Lincoln* diocese) ditto.

1393, *John Balsham*, (xchanged for *Erchinglegh* in *Chichester* diocese) ditto.

1394, *John Bishop*; ditto, exchanged for *Chelsea*, a rectory in *Middlesex*.

1407, *Thomas Pechard*, on *Bishop's* resignation, by the Bishop.

1439, *Robert Blank*, by Mr. *John Blodwell*, doctor of decrees, vicar general to the Bishop.

1439, Mr. *John Derby*, LL. D. Ditto.

1447, *Robert Hamond*, by the Bishop.

1451, *Robert Newport*. Ditto.

1477, *William Chapman*. Ditto.

1486, *David Ditson*, A. M. Ditto.

—, *William Butler*.

1505, *Robert Rukby*, LL. B. Ditto.

1507, *Alexander Trodys*. Ditto.

1512, *Thomas Burdall*. Ditto.

1524, Mr. *Robert Noke*, ditto, subchanter of *York*.

1529, Mr. *William Haroye*, S. T. B. Ditto.

1552, *Robert Dinley*. Ditto.

1555, *William Feeley*. Ditto.

1567, *Robert Heys*, by the Queen,

1571, *William Hatterley*, by the Queen.

1606, *Henry Crooke*, compounded for first fruits, *February 7*.

1613, *John Williamson*, compounded *April 30*, for first fruits.

1729, *Sim. Hamlyn*, by the King, on *David Bell's* death.

1762, *Robert Say*, junior. *Ditto*.

The patronage is in the Crown.

*Walton* sea bank, from *Noveche Gate* to *Newton Slowe*, was 2 miles and an half long.

## EAST - WALTON.

THE principal part of this town was in the hands of *Roger Bigot*, a Norman chief, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, and was a berewit<sup>e</sup> depending on his lordship of *Pentney*, of which *Hagane*<sup>s</sup> was lord in the Confessor's time: it consisted of one carucate of land, 6 borderers, 3 servi, one cartucate in demesne, 16 acres of meadow, 3 beasts for burden, formerly of 20 mares, at the survey of 7, 20 animalia, probably cows, 30 swine, and formerly 40 sheep, now of 92, and 7 skeps of bees; 10 socmen here held 72 acres, and one carucate; the whole, that is in *Pentney*, in King *Edward's* time, was valued at 5*l. per ann.* and when *Bigot* received, at the same, but at the survey was improved to 7*l. per ann.* and *Robert de Vaux* held it of *Bigot*; it was with *Pentney* 5 furlongs long, and 4 broad, paid 8*s. gelt*; there were 2 churches endowed with 30 acres, valued at 2*s. 8d.* that is one here, the other at *Pentney*.<sup>s</sup>

## WEST DERHAM ABBEY MANOR

In the 8th year of *Richard I.* there was a controversy between *Margaret*, sister of *John Le Moine*, and *Roger Bach*, about a knight's fee held by them, and which neither of them would allow the other to have, so that they both joined afterwards in giving it to the abbot and canons of *West Derham*, the abbot giving to each of them 130 marks; and in the reign of King *Henry III.* the abbot was found to hold it by one fee of *John de Vaux*. On the death of this *Sir John de Vaux*, *Maud* his wife, lady of *Surlingham*, was found to hold it in the 16th of *Edward I.* and on a partition of the estate, between the two daughters and coheirs, *Maud*, who married *William Lord Roos*, had

<sup>s</sup> Hagane was son of Swain, brother of King Harold.

<sup>s</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti ——— Huke terre (viz. Pentney) jacet i bereuuita, Waltuna, i car. tre. semp. vi bor. ii ser. et i car. in dnio. xvi. ac. pti. iii runc. tc. xx equc. mo. vii semp. xx animalia

xxx por. tc. xl ov. mo. Lxxxxii vii vasa. apu. In cad. x soc. Lxxii ac. semp. i car. tot. val. T.R.E. c. sol. et qu. rec. mo. vii lib. hoc tot. tenet Rob. v qr. in long et iiii in lato. et viiid. de gelto, ecclie xxx ac. val. ii l. et viiid.

it assigned to her share; the abbot claimed the privilege of a gallows, assise of bread, free warren, &c. in common with the prior of *Westacre*, and *William de Reymerston*, as appears from the rolls of the hundred in the 3d of *Edward I.*

In the 15th of *Richard II.* *John Chart* aliened lands here, and 26 acres at *Holkham*, to the abbot.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the abbot was found to hold it of the heirs of *Vaux*, and they of *Thomas Mowbray* Duke of *Norfolk*, and he of the King in capite; and in the year 1428, the temporalities of the abbot in this town were valued at 12*l.* 16*s.* 3*d.* per ann.

On the 5th of *July* in the 29th of *Henry VIII.* *Robert Forman*, abbot of *West Derham*, leased to *William Baker*, yeoman, of *East Walton*, for 60 years from *Michaelmas* before the date, the site of the said manor, with all the houses, closes, meadows, demean lands, liberty of foldage, profits, of courts, fines, amercements, wards, marriages, reliefs, eschaets, &c.; and on the 11th of *April*, King *Edward VI.* in his 4th year granted it to *Thomas Bishop* of *Norwich*, and his successours, and it is held of the Bishop, by lease, at this day. Bishop *Scambler* leased it for 80 years in 1588, to Queen *Elizabeth*, at 8*l.* per ann.

#### LANGLEY ABBEY MANOR.

The abbot of *Langley* had the 3d part of a fee, which was held in the reign of *Henry III.* by *Alexander de Butterwick*, of Sir *John de Vaux*, belonging to *Bigot's* fee, and on the division of *Vaux's* estate came, as above shown, to *William Lord Ross*. In the 21st of *Edward I.* *William Howard*, (the founder of the *Norfolk* family, or a son of him,) purchased of the said *Alexander*, by fine, 20 messuages, 1 mill, 500 acres of pasture, and 40*s.* rent per ann. in this town, *Billency*, *Aylewesthorp*, and *Narford*; and in the 20th of *Edward III.* Sir *John Howard* was found to hold this 3d part of a fee, (late *Butterwick's*,) of the heirs of *Huntingfeld*; but in the 5th of the said King, Sir *John Howard* was found by the escheat-roll, to hold this manor of the abbot, paying 35*s.* 5*d.* per ann. and the abbot of *John de Ross* of his manor of *Watton*, by the fourth part of a fee; and in 1428, the temporalities of the aforesaid abbot were valued at the said 35*s.* 5*d.* q. per ann.

#### PRIOR OF PENTNEY'S MANOR.

Part of that lordship, which *Robert de Vaux* held of *Bigot*, at the survey, was also given by him, or some of his posterity, to the priory of *Pentney*; and in the reign of *Edward III.* Sir *John Howard* held of the prior, lands by the service of 7*s.* per ann.; in 1428, the temporalities of the prior, were valued at 23*s.* 3*d.* per ann.

Concealed lands in this town, belonging to this priory, were granted to *John Dyer* and *Henry Cressener*, by Queen *Elizabeth*, *April 10*, in her 16th year.

The prior also held lands of the Lord *Bardolf*, in this town, as I shall show under that fee.

## RICHMOND FEE. OR MANOR.

*Alan*, Earl of *Richmond*, in *Yorkshire*, had a part of this township conferred on him by the Conqueror, for his eminent services, which *Turshill* held in the Confessor's time; to this belonged one carucate, 6 villains, and one borderer; there was also one carucate in demean, half a one amongst the tenants, with a mill, valued at 20s. *per ann.* all *Walton* is one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and pays 18d. of a 20s. gelt; *Bawsey*, and *Wike*, are included in this measure and payment.<sup>1</sup>

In the reign of *Henry III.* the prior of *Westacre* held lands of this honour of *Richmond*, and in his 23d year, *John le Chapleyn*, and others, were sued by *Robert de Tateshale*, for not doing suit and service to his hundred court of *Frethbrigg* for these lands: *John's* plea was that they belonged to the honour of *Richmond*, and that service was performed for the said lands, in the court of *Peter de Savoy* Earl of *Richmond*, at his court in *Swaffham*.

In the said reign of *Henry III.* *John de Longoile*, and his tenants held here, in *Middleton*, and *Hardwick*, half a fee of this honour, and *Hugh de Verly* died possessed of lands held of it, in the 8th of *Edward I.*; in the 30th of that King, *John de Longoile*, and *Margaret* his wife, had a lordship here, with that of *Overton Longoile*, in *Huntingdonshire*, and the moiety of *Coln*, in *Bedfordshire*. In the 30th of *Edward III.* *Margery de Saltmarsh*, was found to hold half a fee here, and in *Hardwick*, formerly *Longvilles*.

In the 14th of *Henry VI.* *John Duke of Bedford* died seized of this fee, as part of his honour of *Richmond*, and in the 35th of that King, *Edmund Earl of Richmond* was found to have it, and *George Lord Latimer* held it under him; and *Richard Lord Latimer* held it of the said honour, in the 9th of *Henry VII.*

## WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

*Ralph de Tony* had also two socmen belonging to his capital manor of *Necton*, who held lands here, which he gave to the priory of *Westacre*, founded by him; this was valued under the lordship of *Necton*; the prior also, in the reign of *Henry III.* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee, of the honour of *Richmond*, and to have royal liberties in the 3d of *Edward I.* a gallows, free-warren, assise of bread and beer.

*Jeffrey Sutton*, aliened in the 6th of *Edward II.* a messuage, 60 acres here and in *Westacre*, *Wygenhale*, *Tyrington*, *Tylney*, &c. to the said prior, and in the 5th of *Edward III.* Sir *John Howard* was found to hold of the prior lands, by the service of 4s. *per ann.* the tempo-

<sup>1</sup> Terr. Alani Comititis ——— In  
Waltuna ten. Turchill. T. R. E. i car.  
semp. vi vill. et i bord. et i car, in daio.  
dim. car. hom. et i mol. et val. xx sol.  
lota Waltuna, i leu. in long. et dim. in

lat. et reddit. xviij. de xx sol. de gelto.  
<sup>2</sup> Tra Radulfi de Toenio ——— In  
Waltuna ii soc. et e. in p'tio. de Nache-  
tuna.

ralities of the priory in 1428, were valued at 10*l.* 17*s.* 9*d.* ob. in lands, a mill, &c.

In the 3d and 4th of *Philip and Mary*, this manor, by the name of *Emchouse*, or *Westacre* manor, in *East Walton*, was granted on the 8th of *July* to *John Eliot*, and *Alexander Chesnall*, to be held *in capite*; and *Eliot*, had license to alienate it, in the 5th and 6th of the said reign, to *Thomas Gresham* and his heirs; and the Lady *Ann Gresham*, his widow, died possessed of it *November* 23, in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, and *William Read*, Esq. her son, by her first husband, inherited it, being then aged 50.

In 1580, it was valued at 19*l.* 8*s.* 8*d.* per ann. besides the sheep pasture, and the patronage of the vicarage belonged to it.

Sir *William Withipole* held it in the reign of King *James I.*

It afterwards was conveyed to Sir *Edward Barkham*, alderman of *London*, and lord mayor, in 1621, and so came to *Edward Spilman*, Esq. as in *Westacre*,\* who was lord and patron, and sold it in 1760, to *Philip Case*, Esq. of *Lynn*, who is lord of the whole town.

*Hermerus de Ferrarijs* had also a part of this township: under the title of invasions, in *Domesday*, we find that he had seized on 91 acres which 3 freemen formerly held; and *Bordin* held it under him; to this belonged 9 borderers, with 12 acres of meadow; there was formerly one carucate and an half, but at the survey only one, valued at 9*s.* 4*d.* and over these he had not the protection; there was also a moiety of a church, with 15 acres, valued at 2*s.*†

After *Hermerus*, it was possessed by the Lords *Bardolf*, as part of the honour of *Wrongey*.

In the 2d of *Edward II.* *John Howard* and *Joan* his wife, had 2 carucates of land in this town, *Pentney*, and *Ayles-Thorp*, conveyed to them by *Richard de Cornwall*; this was Sir *John Howard*, son and heir of Sir *Wiltiam Howard*, the judge; which Sir *John* married *Joan de Cornwall*, daughter of *Richard*, and sister of *Richard de Cornwall*.

In the 37th of *Edward III.* Sir *Robert de Causton* was found to hold lands here of the said honour, and *William Lord Bardolf* had one fee here in *Geyton Thorp*, *Wykes*, &c. in the 13th of *Richard II.* as appears from the eschaet rolls; and the prior of *Pentney* held lands of *Thomas Beaufort Duke of Exeter*, lord of that honour in the 5th of *Henry VI.* Sir *Robert* conveyed his right to the *Howards*.

Sir *John Howard* dying in 1437, left this to *Henry Howard*, his 2d son, by the Lady *Alice*, his 2d wife, daughter of Sir *William Tendring*, with the manor of *Stranges*, in this town; and by *Elizabeth*, his daughter and heir, it came by marriage to *Henry Wentworth*, 2d son of *Roger Wentworth*, Esq. of *Nettlested*, in *Suffolk*, &c. (See in *Tyrington*.)

*Ann*, Lady *Matrevers*, as heiress to the *Wentworths*, enjoyed it, and in the 11th of *Elizabeth*, conveyed it to Sir *William Dean*, her 3d husband, as in *Tyrington*.

\* See in *Westacre*.

† Invasio Hermeri de Ferrarijs—  
In Waltuna iii lib. hoes LXXXI ac. qd.  
tenet Bordin. sep. ix bor. xii ac. p'ti. tc.

i car. et dim. mo i val. ix sol. et iiiid. et  
in h. n. comd. dim. ecclesia xv ac. val.  
ii sol.



## HOWARD AND STRANGE'S MANOR.

*Ralph de Beaufot*, a Norman baron, had also a lordship in this town, which *Bund*, a freeman, held in the reign of King *Edward*, consisting of a carucate of land, and *Odarus* held it of *Beaufot*; 4 villains and 8 bordeters, 4 acres of meadow belonged to it, with one carucate in demean, one carucate amongst the tenants; and one freeman held 8 acres of land. It was valued at 20s. *per ann.* in King *Edward's* time.<sup>a</sup>

This lordship assumed the name of *Strange's* (as I take it) from *William le Strange*, who held it in the reign of *Henry III.* by the fourth part of a fee, of the heirs of *Beaufot*; but in the 20th of *Edward III.* *Robert le Strange* held it of *Hubert de Rye*: the prior of *Castle-atre* had part of it; and in the 5th of the said King, *Sir John Howard* was found to hold it on his death, of the aforesaid *Roger*, by the service of 2s. *per ann.* and it was valued at 15*l.* *per ann.*

*William Walton* of *East Walton* had it conveyed to him by fine, in the 21st of *Richard II.* from *William Curson* and *Maud* his wife.

This I take to have been a moiety of it; for in the 26th of *Edward III.* *William Carbonel* released to *Dame Alice Howard*, all his right in this manor, settled on him before, and that his should remain to *Sir Robert Howard* her son, which seems to have been the other moiety.

In the 13th of *Henry IV.* a fine was levied between *William Walton*, querent, and *Walter Glemsford* and *Margaret* his wife, of the manor of *Stranges*, 11 messuages, 480 acres of land, 40 of meadow, 40 of pasture, and 4*l.* 2s. rent *per ann.* in this town, &c. conveyed to *Walton*, on paying 5*l.* *per ann.* to *Margaret* for life.

In the 22d of *Edward IV.* *Henry Wentworth*, of *Nettlested* in *Suffolk*, died seized of the manor of *Strange's*, late *Howard's*, and *Howard's* manor in *Terington*, the manor of *Cavendish* in *Suffolk*, &c.

But in the 2d of *Henry VI.* *Peter Prior*, rector of *Heylsdon* in *Norfolk* (being a trustee for it, as I take it) demised it to *Alice*, widow of *Sir John Howard*, in fee; and in the 16th of that King, *Sir John Howard*, senior, died seized of it, leaving it to his grand-daughter *Elizabeth*, wife to *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, and it was in the *Oxford* family in the reign of King *Henry VIII.*

The other moiety was in *Sir Robert Southwell*, who was found to hold it of the Lord *Morley*, in the 6th of *Henry VIII.* and *Richard Southwell*, Esq. was his cousin and heir.

In an account of the estate of that family, it appears that *Sir Richard* granted it to *Sir Thomas Gresham*, Knt.

Here was also a lordship granted by King *Henry VIII.* to *Sir Richard Southwell*, in the 38th of that King, and after regranted to that King on an exchange for other lands in the said year, *December 11*, given by the King to *Christ's college*, *Oxford*, and held of that college by *Sir Edward Barkham*, Bart. and after by the *Spilman's*, his heirs, and now by *Philip Case*, Esq.

<sup>a</sup> Terra R. de Bellofago ——— In viiii bor. et iiiii ac. p'ti. sep' i car. in  
Waltuna ten. Bunde lib. ho. T. R. E. d'nio. et i car. ho'um. et i lib. ho. viii  
i car. t're. mo. ten. Odar. et iiiii vill. et ac. t're. et val. xx sol.

The *temperalties* of *Norwich* priory were 10*s*.  
The tenths were 8*l*. Deducted 33*s*. 4*d*.

The CHURCH of *East Walton* is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and, together with the chapel of *St. Andrew*, was a rectory formerly valued at 17 marks. *Peter-pence* 8*d*. ob. Afterwards it was appropriated to *Westacre* priory, and a vicarage was settled; the present valor of which is 6*l*. 3*s*. 4*d*.

The Queen's receiver-general paid, in the 13th of *Elizabeth*, to the vicar, a perpetual pension of 26*s*. and 8*d*. per ann. paid yearly at the King's audit.

In the chapel at the east end, lie several marble gravestones.—On one the arms of the Lord *Richardson*, or, on a chief, *sable*, three lions heads erased, of the first, impaling *Barkham*, *argent*, three pallets, *gules*, a chevron over all, or.

In memory of *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert Barkham* of *Southacre*, *Gent.* wife of the honourable Lord *William Richardson*, baron of *Cramond*, who died September 28, 1712, in the 54th year of her age.

On another, with the said two impaled coats, an escutcheon of pretence, *argent*, a pale fusily, *sable*, *Daniel*,

In memory of the Honourable *William*, Lord *Richardson*, who died March 7, 1710,

The arms of *Richardson* in a lozenge, with the escutcheon of pretence,

In memory of *Elizabeth*, second wife of the Honourable *William* Lord *Richardson*, who died December 8, 1722, in the 37th year of her age.

On another, Lord *Richardson* in the first and 4th quarter, and in the 2d and 3d, *ermin*, on a canton, *azure*, a saltire, *argent*, supported by 2 horses, *ermin*; crest, an unicorn's head, *ermin*, issuing out of a ducal coronet; the motto—*Virtute acquiritur honos*.

In memory of the Right Honourable *William*, Lord *Richardson* baron of *Cramond* in North Britain, who died July 28, 1735, in the 21st year of his age.

Also *sable*, 5 wings in saltire, or; crest, a demy eagle, wings displayed.

*Hic jacet Robertus Purland, A. M. coll. Geno. et Caij Cantab. olim alumnus mox vicarius de East Walton, tandem rector de Southacre, vir pietate, pariter ac probitate, et prudentia insignis; pastor vigilantissimus, amicus fidissimus, maritus amantissimus, pater mitissimus qui postquam gregi huic per L. annos, et quod excurrit invigilaverat, tandem obdormivit in Domino Maij 21, 1723.*

In the east window the arms of *Tony*, *argent*, a maunch, *gules*.

#### VICARS.

1322, *Robert de Narford* instituted to the vicarages of *St. Mary* and *St. Andrew*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.

1329, *Richard de Crosdale*. Ditto.

1947, *Clement de Knapeton*, (on an exchange for a mediety in *Wreningham, All-Saints*,) *Ditto*.

1949, *Walter Kemp*. *Ditto*.

1964, *William de Banham*, (an exchange for *St. Matthew's*, in *Norwich*,) *Ditto*.

1993, *Thomas Bulwère*. *Ditto*.

1895, *John de Wygenhale*, (an exchange for *Bodney, St. Mary's*,) *Ditto*.

1414, *William*, son of *Benedict Barber*, an exchange for *Brunham, St. Clement's*. *Ditto*.

1417, *William Smith*. *Ditto*.

1433, *Jeffrey Bishop*. *Ditto*.

1458, *John Wood*. *Ditto*.

1486, *William Hood*, or *Ode*. *Ditto*.

1505, *Jeffrey Baker*. *Ditto*.

1544, *Reginald Fawcett*, by the King.

1573, *James Venables*, by *Sir Thomas Gresham*.  
*Simon Sillet*.

1590, *Thomas Hopes*, by *Lady Ann Gresham*, widow.

*Andrew Ellis* occurs vicar about 1626.

1673, *Robert Purland*, *A. M.*

1723, *Richard Money*, by *Samuel Tayler*, Esq.

1755, *George William Lemon*, by *Edward Spilman*, Esq.

## EAST - WINCH.

IN the book of *Domesday* is called *Winic*, from *Win*, which in the *British* language signifies water, and *Ic* or *Ise*, a general name, in these parts for any stream or rivulet, the inhabitants of this part of the *Heptarchy*, or *East Angles*, being called by the *Romans* the *Iceni*; also *Wininc*, as seated in a wet meadow.

The principal lordship at the survey was in the Crown. *Godric* farmed it, or had the care of it for the King<sup>7</sup>

In King *Edward's* time it was a beruite to *Sporle*, (a considerable lordship belonging to the Crown, in the hundred of *South Greenhow*,) and contained 2 carucates of land, with 11 villains and 24 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, &c. and one amongst the tenants. When *Godric* entered on it he found 24 sheep, 9 swine, &c. and a fishery; 12 socmen belonged to it with 54 acres of land, and 8 acres

<sup>7</sup> Terr. Regis qua<sup>r</sup>. Godricus servat. t're jacent semp. xlii soc. liiii ac. t're. In East Winic ii car. t're. te'pr. et viii ac. p'ti. semp. i car. et dim. et x regis E. beruite. Esparlea semp. xi car. p'ti. hoc totu<sup>m</sup>. apptiat. e. in Espar- viii. et xliiii ac. p'ti. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. lai: tota ht. dim. leu. in long. et liii p. i. et mo. semp. i car. ho'um. quando quar. in lat. et reddit viiid. de xx sol. Godric recep. hoc man. inven. xliiii ov. de gelto. et ix por. et mo. similit. et i pisc. Huic

of meadow, and there was always one carucate and an half, with 10 acres of meadow; the whole was valued in *Sporle*, and was half a leuca long, and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 8d. to a 20s. gelt.

## GRANCOURT'S MANOR.

This manor, with *Sporle*, which was royal demean, was given (as some say) by King *Edward* to *Ralph Waker* or *Gauder*, Earl of *Norfolk*, (but *Dugdale* more truly supposes him to be of *Britany* in *France*, and to be made Earl by the Conqueror,) and was taken as a beruite or lordship of *Sporle*.

On his rebellion, it is certain, if he ever was in possession of it, (which does not clearly appear,) it was forfeited to the Conqueror, and after the making the book of *Domesday*, was granted by the Conqueror to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*.

The first that I meet with upon record to have been lord after this, is Sir *Ralph Le Strange*, who lived in the reign of *Henry II.* and gave the rectory of this church to the priory of *Carhow* by *Norwich*, which was after appropriated to that house, by *Roger Sherwing*, Bishop of *Norwich*.

In the 4th of King *John*, *Philip de Burnham* and *Emme* his wife, (one of the daughters and coheirs of Sir *Ralph*) impleaded *Fulk D'Eiry* and *Maud* his wife, another daughter and coheir of Sir *Ralph*, for a moiety of this town, and messuages here, in *Litcham* and *Ringsted*.

*Alan*, son of *Flaald*, was lord of *Miltham*, and ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*, under whom the family of *Le Strange* held many lordships, and of these Earls: the *Howards*, afterwards lords of this manor, were found to hold it.

Sir *William de Calthorp*, who married *Cecilia*, daughter of *Philip de Burnham*, sister and coheir of *William de Burnham*, had a right herein; and in the 45th of *Henry III.* they granted it by fine to *William de Grancourt*, and his heirs, to be held of them; and *Walter de Grancourt*, son of *William*, was lord in the 14th of *Edward I.*

*William Howard* purchased it of *Thomas de Grancourt*, in the 26th of that King; and in the 28th of the said reign, 2 messuages 4 carucates and 60 acres of land, 50 of meadow, with 6 marks *per ann.* rent, in this town and *Middleton*, were settled by fine of *Robert de Shuldham*, in *Easter* term, on the aforesaid *William*, and *Alice* his wife.

This was Sir *William Howard*, the famous judge, founder of the noble family of the *Howards*, ancestor to the Dukes of *Norfolk*, &c. It appears that he resided here in the 34th of the aforesaid King, from the accounts of the chamberlains of *Lynn*, in the said year, when several presents were sent to him and his lady, from the corporation, for his good services, viz.

*Item in uno carcos. bovis misso D'ne Alice Howard usq; Winch vi sol.—It. in vino p. duas vices miss. D'no Willo. Howard cum duobus carcos. vitul. et uno scuto apri xiii sol. viiid.—It. in duob; salmon. miss. D'no Willo. Howard vigil. pasche xi sol.*

This Sir *William* was found to hold it by the fourth part of a fee, of *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*.

He was an eminent lawyer, and before he was a judge, a counselor retained by that corporation, with an annual pension.

In the 5th of *Edward III.* *Sir John Howard*, senior, was found to hold of *Hamon L'Estrange* the manor of *East Winch*, by the fourth part of a fee, valued at 30*l.* per ann. In the 20th of *Richard II.* *Sir John Howard* resided here, and by *Elizabeth* daughter and sole heir of *John Howard*, son and heir of *Sir John Howard*, it came by marriage to *John Vere*, Earl of *Oxford*, who had livery of it in 1437. This Earl was beheaded in 1460, and *Elizabeth* his widow settled it (being her own inheritance) in trust, on *Richard Duke of Gloucester*, for her and her heirs; and on the death of her grandson, *John Vere*, the 14th Earl of *Oxford*, without issue, it was assigned to *John Nevil Lord Latimer*, and to *Sir Anthony Wingfeld*, by the marriage of *Dorothy* and *Elizabeth*, two of the sisters and coheirs of the said Earl; the *Wingfelds* parting with their moiety to the *Nevils*, *Dorothy*, a daughter and coheir of *John Lord Latimer*, who died in the year 1577, brought it by marriage, to *Thomas Cecil Earl of Exeter*, eldest son to *William Cecil*, Lord *Burleigh*; and the said *Thomas*, and *Sir Richard Cecil*, aliened it to *William Barnes*, Esq. in the 17th of King *James I.* April 20, (son of *Edward Barnes*, Esq. of *Saham* in *Cambridgeshire*;) he married first *Thomasine*, one of the daughters of *Richard Hocell*, Esq. of *Hillington* in *Norfolk*, and his 2d wife was *Thomasine*, daughter of *Owen Shepherd*, Esq. of *Kirby Bedon* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had 2 sons, *William Barnes*, Esq. and *Owen Barnes*, town clerk of *Lynn*, who died single, and was buried at *East Winch*, in 1670, &c.

*William*, the eldest, died at *East Winch*, March, 16, 1661, and left by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Coppin* of *Marketcell*, in the parish of *Caddington* in *Bedfordshire*, *Tho. Barnes*, Esq. who married *Mary*; alias *Isabella*, daughter of *Sir John Griffith* of *Tilbury Fort* in *Essex*, widow of *Will. Langley*, Esq. by whom she had children, who dying in their infancy, the said *Thomas Barnes* gave it at his death to his wife and to her son *William Langley*, Esq. 2d son of *William Langley*, Esq. her first husband.

The said *Thomas Barnes* had a brother, *Edward Barnes* of *East Carleton* in *Norfolk*, Gent. who married *Lucy*, daughter of *Nicholas Barber* of *Fressingfield* in *Suffolk*.

*William Langley*, Esq. (father of *William*, who was lord of this town by the grant of *Thomas Barnes*, Esq. (was eldest son of *Sir Roger Langley*, Bart. of *Sheriff Hutton* in *Yorkshire*, and died before his father in 1689, leaving by his wife aforesaid, daughter of *Sir John Griffith*, several sons.

*Roger*, the eldest, succeeded his grandfather in 1698; *William*, the 2d son, was lord of this manor, and left by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of ——— *Sutton* of *Barbadoes*, Esq. an only daughter, and was succeeded in this lordship by *Thomas Langley*, Esq. his younger brother; and in 1716, on the death of his eldest brother, *Sir Roger* was heir to the honour, and a baronet. He married ———, daughter of Captain *Robert Edgeworth*, of *Langwood* in the county of *Meath* in *Ireland*, and had issue 2 sons and 2 daughters, and was living in this town in the year 1720, much reduced, and in a state of poverty.

After this, it was possessed by Mr. *Cotton*, of *Cutler's Hall* in *London*, attorney, and was mortgaged to *Archibald Hutchinson*, Esq. whose widow possessing it in 1762, *Sir John Tyrrell*, Bart. of *Essex*, (heir to the *Cottons*), has obtained a decree in chancery for a redemption.

Another part or moiety of this manor of the King's, held by *Godric*, came to *Fulk d'Eiry*, by *Maud* his wife, daughter and coheir (as I have observed, of *Sir Ralph L'Estrange*, and was held by him in the fourth of King *John*.

It was possessed by *Jeffrey de Yry* or *D'Eiry*, in the 6th of *Henry III.* when a fine was levied before *Hubert de Burgh*, chief justice, *Martin de Pateshul*, *Stephen de Segrave*, *Thomas de Heydon*, *Hugh Rufus*, and *Fulk Baynard*, the King's justices, between the said *Jeffrey* and *Margaret*, prioress of *Blackburgh*, about the course of a certain water here, which the prioress had diverted to the damage of *Jeffrey's* mill, being compromised on an agreement about opening the sluices of the said mill.

About this time *William de Bellomonte* is said to hold a quarter of a fee, and *William Constable* had also some interest in this town, as appears from a pleading in the 34th of *Henry III.* His estate was seized in the 49th of the said King, he having been in the battles of *Lewes* and *Evesham* on the part of the barons, which was after restored to him.

In the 13th of *Edward I.* *June 2*, a grant of free warren in this lordship, in *Gedney* and *Wynesley* in *Lincolnshire*, in *Burton Constable*, *Pagle*, and *Holm* in *Yorkshire*, was passed to *Simon Constable*.

### PENTNEY PRIORY MANOR.

*Roger Bigot* had the grant of a lordship, in this village, from the Conqueror which *Guerd*, a freeman, King *Harold's* brother, possessed in the days of the Confessor containing 60 acres of land, and 11 of meadow, with 6 villains, 3 borderers, and 2 carucates valued formerly at 40s. at the survey at 60s. and *Robert de Vaux* held it of *Bigot*.<sup>1</sup>

*Roger Bigot* was ancestor of the *Bigots* Earls of *Norfolk*; and *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk* gave it to *William de Hastings*, steward to King *Henry II.*<sup>2</sup> on his marriage with *Margery* his daughter, who then became the capital lord; and was granted about the year 1250, with the consent of *Sir Nicholas de Hastings*, to the priory of *Pentney*, by *William*, or *John de Vaux*; and in the 16th of *Edward I.* *John de Vaux* was found to die seized of one fee here and in *Geyton Thorp*, held of him by the prior of *Pentney*. See in *Geyton Thorp*.

In 1428, the temporalities of this convent were valued at 8l. 18s. 2½d. q. per ann. King *Henry VIII.* at the Dissolution, granted it February 14, in his 29th year, for a certain term of years, to *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*, and *John Dethick*, Gent. farmed it of the said Earl, at 10l. 2s. 5d. per ann. King *Edward VI.* in his fourth year, April 11, gave it to the see of *Norwich*, and it is held at this time by lease, of that Bishop.

It is said to be called in the grant of King *Edward VI.* *Grancourt's* manor, lately belonging to the priory of *Pentney*, but without any reason, as far as I have seen, and was leased to Queen *Elizabeth*, in 1588, for 80 years, by *Dr. Scambler*, Bishop of *Norwich*, at 10l. 7s. 6d. per ann.

<sup>1</sup> Terr. Rogerj Bigotj.—East Win-  
inc, i lib. ho. Guerd. T. R. E. lx ac.  
tre. et xi ac. pti. sep. vi villi. et iii bor.

sep. ii car. tc. val. xl. sol. mo. lx. hoc.  
tenet Ro. de Val.

<sup>2</sup> See in *Pentney* and *Geyton Thorp*.

*Ralph de Tony* had also two socmen, who held 8 acres.<sup>1</sup>

In the 12th of *Edward II.* *Alicia*, widow of *Henry*, son of *Hugh de Narburgh*, conveyed messuages and lands here to *John de Acre* and *Ellen*, his wife, by fine.

*Hermerus de Ferrarijs* had seized on two freemen, who had 30 acres, and *Bordin* held it of *Hermerus*, with half a carucate, and 2 acres of meadow, valued at 15*d.* and of these he had not the protection, or commendation: *Stigund* the Archbishop had the soc.<sup>2</sup>

*Hermerus* was lord of *Wirmegay*, and ancestor of the Lords *Bardolf*: *Margaret Atte-Droce*, and her parceners, held lands here, in the reign of *Edward III.* as appears from a roll of the honour of *Wirmegay*.

The temporalities of *Flitcham* priory were valued in 1428, at 11*s.* per ann. and of *Sporle* at 16*s.*

The tenths were 3*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and the town in old writings is sometimes called *Pedders Winch*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*.

In the chancel east window are the arms of *Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, of *Howard*, *Vere* and *Howard* impaled, also p. pale, or, and gules, a lion passant, argent, Plaiz.

A gravestone,

In memory of *Mr. Edward Smith*, vicar 24 years, who died June 16. 1715, *A.* at 66.

One,

In memory of *Catherine and Mary*, daughters of *Edward Smith*, vicar, and *Catherine* his wife: *Mary* died July 27, 1709, at 9: *Catherine*, July 31, 1709, at 13.

*O mihi post nullos Julij memorande sodales.*

Also another

In memory of *Edmund Dey*, sometime patron of the vicarage of this place, here interred, 1667,

Against the north wall is a mural monument of marble, with the arms of *Barns*, argent, two bars, counterembattled sable, in chief, three pellets.

Here lyeth under the foot of this wall, the body of *Owen Barns*, Gent. third son of *William Barns*, the elder, of this place, Esq; after he had lived the space of 52 years; changed this life for a better, 1670.

*Quis sim, nosce cujus caro putrida, nil nisi vermis,  
Quisquis, es, hoc de me sit tibi scire satis.*

On the north side of this chancel, is the old chapel and burial-place of the *Howards*, dedicated to *St. Mary*, as appears from the will of *Sir Robert Howard* who died in 1388, and was here buried according to his desire: in *Weaver's* time his enarched monument

<sup>1</sup> Tra. Radulfi de Toenio——— In Estuunic ii lib. hoec xxx acr. qd. tenet Bordin. sep. dim. car. ii ac. pti. val.

<sup>2</sup> Invasio Hermerij de Ferrarijs——— xvd. et in his n. comd. Stigandus soca.

against the south wall of the said chapel, with some of the escutcheons wherewith it was ornamented, were to be distinguished, and this part of the epitaph remained :

\*\*\*\* a'iab; Dni. Robti. Howard, et Margarete, uxoris sue,<sup>3</sup>

But this part of the epitaph, with the shields and arms, is defaced, and great part of the monument itself destroyed many years past; also the two grave-stones mentioned by him, and the effigies of one of the *Howard* family, in the east window, (the founder of the chapel) have met with the same fate.

This chapel, in *Weaver's* time, was much defaced, the lead that covered it being taken off and sold, but was then repairing by *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Arundel* and *Surry*, and at this time is in a worse state than in *Weaver's*.

Sir *Robert Howard*, abovementioned, married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Robert Lord Scales*, who was buried by her husband: they resided, and died in this town, and it is probable that this chapel was erected by Sir *William Howard*, the judge, who (as I have observed) was lord, and resided here with his family, where it is likely, he and others of the family were interred.

On the west wall of this chapel is a neat monument of marble, with the arms of *Barns*, impaling *Shepherd*, argent, on a chief, gules, three Danish hatchets, or; and *Barns* impaling *Hovell*, sable, a crescent, or.

Near unto this place lyeth the body of *William Barns*, Esq. son of *Edward Barns*, of *Soham* in *Cambridgeshire*, Esq. who first married *Thomasine*, daughter of *Richard Hovell*, of *Hillington*, Esq. by whom he had 5 daughters, after whose death he took to wife *Thomasine*, the daughter of *Owen Shepherd*, of *Kirby*, in this county, Esq. and (removed his seat to this place) had by her 5 sons and 8 daughters, and did for many years, with great prudence and fidelity, serve his king and countrey, in the office of justice of the peace, at length, such was the iniquity of the times, that loyalty was esteemed a crime, when not allurements, or threats, from him who usurped the highest power, could seduce him from his constant adherence to his abandoned prince, and the persecuted church of *England*; he retired to a private life, devoting himself wholly to the service of God and religion, and peaceably departed hence in the 77th year of his age, 1657, expecting a joyful resurrection. To whose memory *Frances Stanton*, his second daughter, out of her tender love and dutiful affection, erected this monument. *Semper Idem*.

The church was anciently a rectory, valued at 10 marks, and 3s. 4d. and paid Peter-pence 11d. but being granted to the priory of *Carhow*, and appropriated to that house, (as is abovementioned,) by *Roger Skerwing* Bishop of *Norwich*, a vicarage was then settled and endowed in the patronage of the said priory, valued at 40s. per ann. the prior of *Sporle* had also a portion of tithes valued at 16s. per ann.

The present valor of this vicarage is 8l. 3s. 9d. and is discharged of first fruits, &c.

<sup>3</sup> Funeral Monuments, p. 342.



## VICARS.

1313, *Martin de Sandringham*, instituted vicar, presented by the prioress, &c. of *Carhow*.

1323, *Walter de Claver*. Ditto.

1323, *Martin de Sandringham*. Ditto.

1338, *William de Oky*. Ditto.

1338, *Reyner de Eastwynch*. Ditto.

1349, *Robert Pratta*. Ditto.

1349, *Henry Eleye*. Ditto.

1354, *William de Blickling*. Ditto.

1360, *Thomas Hannok*. Ditto.

*Robert* occurs, *A. 9 Richard II.*

1423, *John Bishop*. Ditto.

1462, *John Cappe*. Ditto.

1466, *William Bathcome*. Ditto,

1467, *John Cappe*. Ditto.

*Thomas Boteler*, vicar.

1494, *John Furnes*. Ditto.

1506, *Thomas Quarles*.

1520, *Thomas Purriance*. Ditto.

*John Moor*, vicar.

1557, *Reginald Fawet*, by *Anthony Guybon*, Gent.

At the dissolution the impropriate rectory, with the patronage of the vicarage, was granted in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* to Sir *John Shelton*, and by *Richard Catlyn* and *Ursula* his wife, was conveyed by fine to *Anthony Guybon*, Gent. with a foldcourse thereto belonging, in the 6th of *Edward VI.* and *Anthony* had license to alienate it, in the 21st of *Elizabeth*, with 6 messuages, &c. to *William Guybon*, and *John Smith*.

In 1561, *John Grene*, presented by *Anthony Guybon*,

1566, *John Balsham*. Ditto.

1566, *Martin Harrison*. Ditto.

1576, *Edward Wells*, by the Queen, by lapse.

1586, *Edmund Wells*, by *William Guybon*, Esq,

1588, *Nicholas Brice*. Ditto.

1588, *Thomas Hopes*. Ditto.

1590, *Thomas Hopes*. Ditto.

1592, *Sampson Hopes*, by *Robert Astyn*, Gent.

169-, *Edward Smith*, who died, 1715.

1716, *James Everard*, collated by the Bishop, a lapse.

1722, *George Shuckburgh*, died vicar 1733.

1733, *John Lloyd*, by *John Cotton*, Esq.

1733, *Henry Burgh*. Ditto.

*Thomas Robotom*.

*Charles Phelps*,

## WEST WINCH:

## WEST WINCH MANOR.

**R**AINALD, son of *Ivo*, held the chief lordship of this town, at the time of the grand survey, by a grant from the Conqueror, which *Godwin*, a freeman, Earl of *Kent*, and father of King *Harold*, held in the reign of the Confessor, consisting of 14 villains, 6 borderers, and 1 servus, at the survey, but of 4 in King *Edward's* time, 20 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in deemean, and half a one amongst the tenants, 2 salt pits, &c. 23 socmen held 36 acres of land, with half a carucate, and 4 acres of meadow, then valued at 3*l.* afterwards at 100*s.* at the survey at 10*l.* per ann. From this *Rainald* it came to the *Earls of Clare*, as may be seen in *Crimplesham*.<sup>4</sup>

*Simon*, son of *Richard*, held this lordship of the honour of *Clare*, in the 2d year of King *John*, as appears from a pleading then between him and *Alexander Barr*, in *Michaelmas* term.

*Ernald de Torley*, about the reign of *Henry III.* held half a fee here of *Simon*, son of *Richard*, and he of the Earl of *Clare*; and in the 41st of *Henry III.* the guardianship of *James de Beauveys*, who held land, in this town, was granted by *Stephen de Beauveys* and *Julian* his wife, to *Michael de Merlaw*: this *James* was son and heir of *Bartholomew de Beauveys*, and probably was the same *James de Beauveys*, or *de Belvago*, one of the first mayors of *Lynn*, in 1270; and before this, in 1267, *Thomas de Warblington*, who held lands here of the honour of *Clare*, with *Isabel* his wife, granted them by fine to the said *James*, with rents and services.

In 1312, *John de Merlaw* seems to be lord of this manor, and then presented to the rectory of this church; and in 1323, *Walter Henry* of *Babingley*, conveyed lands here, by fine, to the said *John Merlaw* and *Margaret* his wife: in 1295, and 1311, he was mayor of *Lynn*.

*William* and *Christiana de Suburgo* presented in 1321, and *John Attewode*, in 1349, as lords of this manor; in 1387, *John Drew*, Burgess of *Lynn*, and in 1388; but in 1389, *John Bolt*, of *Lenne*, who in 1398, gave the patronage of this rectory, with an acre of land to the priory of *Blackburgh*.

*Robert Rands*, of *Horsham St. Faith*, bequeaths by will, in 1452, his lordship here, to *Richard*, his son.<sup>5</sup>

In the 6th of *Henry VIII.* Sir *Robert Southwell* was found to die seized of this manor, which extended into *Hardwick*, *Sechy*, and *South Lynn*, held of the honour of *Clare*, and 10 messuages, 500 acres of

<sup>4</sup> Terre Rainald filij Ivonis———  
In Wesuunic, ii car. tre. ten. Godwyno.  
lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. tenet ide. sep.  
xiii vill. et vi bor. tc. iiii ser. mo. i et  
xx ac. pti, sep ii car. dnio. et houn. et

ii sal. sep. x an. et xviii por. lxxx ov.  
huic man. jace. t et ten. ide. xxiii soc.  
xxxvi ac. tre sep. dim. car. et iiii ac.  
pti. tc. val. iiii lib. p. c. sol. mo. x lib.  
<sup>5</sup> Regist Aleyo, Norw. f. 113.

land, 40 of meadow, 100 of pasture, 60 of wood, and 10s. rent, and left it to his cousin and heir, *Richard*, son of *Francis*, brother of Sir *Robert*; but in *Trinity* term, in the 29th of *Henry VIII.* *Richard Southwell*, Esq. conveyed it to *William Conynsby*, Esq. and it came after that to Sir *Francis Gawdy*, (as in *North Rungton*.) and so to the Earl of *Warwick*, and was bought of him in the 10th of *James I.* by *John Pell*, Gent.

On the 22d of *September*, in the 18th of King *James I.* the jury find that *Richard Shebbs* of *Sedgeford*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. was possessed of this manor of *West Winch*, called *Fincham's*, and that he had infeoffed therein, Sir *Philip Wodehouse*, Bart. *Edward Paston*, Esq. &c. by deed dated the 10th of *June*, in the 12th of the said King, to the use of himself for life, remainder to *William Yelverton*, junior, (son of Sir *William*, and *Dionysia* his wife, eldest daughter of the said *Richard*) and on *Ursula* his intended wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Richardson*, &c. and was after in the *Pells*.

From the family of the *Pells*, it came to the *Walpoles*.

*Robert Walpole* Earl of *Orford* died seized of it, and his grandson is the present lord.

Under the title of *Invasiones*, we find that *Hermerus de Ferrariis* had seized on a freeman, who held one carucate of land, and 12 borderers, valued at 6s. 8d.\*

*Hermerus* was ancestor to the Lords *Bardolf*, and being a part of the barony of *Wirmegay*, had the same lords as in *Wirmegay*, till united to the manor above.

*John de Wilton*, in the reign of *Edward III.* had a manor in *West Wick* and *Hardwick*, called *Wilton* and *West Winch Moigne*, held by a quarter of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*. *Christopher Conynsby* held this, and so was united, as I take it, to the lordship of *West Winch*, held of the honour of *Clare*, as aforesaid.

The church of *West Winch* is dedicated to *St. Mary*; the rectory was valued at 8 marks, *Peter-pence* 7d.

## RECTORS

1312, *Gilbert de Henty*, presented by *John de Merlaw*, of *Lenn*.

1314, *Gilbert de Massingham*. Ditto.

1321, *Paul de Suburgo*, by *William* and *Christiana de Suburgo*.

1349, *Paul*, or *John Attewode*, by *John Attewode*, buried in the church before the high cross.

1387, *William Wombe*, by *John Drewe*, burgess of *Lenn*.

1389, *Richard Rightwis*. Ditto.

1389, *Hugh Burre*, by *John Bolt* of *Lenn*.

1393, *John Burre*. Ditto.

1418, *John Toppe*, by the prioress and convent of *Blackburgh*.

1423, *John Burre*. Ditto.

1438, *John Cokerell*. Ditto.

1432, *David Steward*, by Sir *Thomas de Sculen*.

1455, *John Clerk*. Ditto.

\* *Invasiones Hermeri de Ferrariis*— xii bor. val. vi sol. et viiid. in hoc. m. la Wesuuenic. i lib. ho. i car. tre. et comd.

- 1455, *Richard Aufyn*, by Sir *Thomas de Scales*.  
 1476, *Henry Ferrers*, by the Bishop; a lapse.  
 1485, *Thomas Lamberton*, by *John Vere* Earl of Oxford.  
 1495, *John Harrys*. Ditto.  
 1567, *Thomas Quarles*. Ditto.  
 1509, *Henry Shepherd*. Ditto.  
 1510, *John Redmayn*. Ditto.  
 1556, *John Scotte*, by the Queen.  
 1573, *Edmund Framelyn*. Ditto.  
 1611, *Frances Rollenson*, by the King.  
 1611, *Henry Townley*. Ditto.  
*Thomas Kemp* occurs rector, 1612.  
 1613, *Robert Batt*. Ditto.  
 1631, *Francis Presse*. Ditto.  
 1633, *Gilbert Atkinson*. Ditto.  
 1640, *George Masterson*. Ditto.  
 1644, *Matthew Clerk*. Ditto.  
 1663, *John Gibson*. Ditto.  
 1667, *Edward Dickenson*. Ditto.  
 1704, *John Butler*, by the Queen.  
 1732, *William Harvey*, by the King.

The present valor is *gi. 13s. 4d.* and pays first fruits and tenths.

The priory of *Blackburgh* had a portion in this church, valued at 10s. *per ann.*

The temporalities of *Wirmegey* priory were valued at *6l. 5s. per ann.* *Westacre* priory temporalities at 4s. *Massingham* priory temporalities 3s. 7d. ob. *Blackburgh* priory had lands let at *4l. 10s. per ann.* A close called *Townsend* belonging to it, granted *July, 27* in the 25 of *Elizabeth*, to *Theophilus Adams*, and *Robert Adams*.

The priory of *Castleacre* had two parts of the tithe of the demean of *Richard*, son of *Simon*, (of the honour of *Clare*.) of the grant of the said *Richard*, saving to *Gilbert*, rector of *West Winch*, his right and possession as long as he lived, 1265, paying *5l. per ann.*

*Mabilia de Leveryngton*, a recluse in *West Winch*. *Blackb. Reg.*

*Robert Baston* bequeathed to the reparation of the church, in 1328, a house that he had bought of *John Dury*, and wills as good a cross to be set up at the south end of the town, by his executors, as was at the north end of the town.

# WEST ACRE.

## THE MANOR AND PRIORY.

**T**HIS town is thus called in respect of its site on a river, as *South-acre*, *Castle*, or *East-Acre*, all which towns occur in the Conqueror's book of *Domesday*, by the name of *Acre*, without any adjunct or distinction, being all seated on the same stream, or running water, as *Acre* signifies in the Saxon tongue. See in *Castleacre*.

At the survey it was the lordship of *Ralph de Tony*, descended from *Malahulcius*, uncle to *Rollo*, grandfather to *William* the Conqueror, and son of *Roger de Tony*, by *Alice* his wife, daughter of *William Fitz-Osbern*, one of the Conqueror's lords and generals, and created by him Earl of *Hereford*.

*Roger de Tony* was standard-bearer of *Normandy*, and *Ralph* the son inherited the same office, was a *Norman* baron, and attended Duke *William* in the decisive battle of *Hastings*; and for his great services was rewarded with many lordships in *Berkshire*, *Hertfordshire*, *Gloucestershire*, *Herefordshire*, and with these following in *Norfolk*.

*Necton*, *Bradenham*, *Pickenham*, *Cressingham Parva*, *Caldecote*, *Culesthorp*, and *Bodney*, in *Southgreenhow* hundred; *Ickburgh*, *Sturston*, and *Carbrook* in *Grimshow* hundred; *Fransham*, *Dunham*, and *Godwick* in *Launditch* hundred; *Shingham* in *Clacklose* hundred; *Walton*, *Acre*, *Thorp*, *Lynn*, and *East Winch* in *Freebridge* hundred; *Breccles* in *Weyland* hundred; *Wretham Magna* and *Parva*, in *Shrop-ham* hundred.

In the time of the Confessor, *Harold*, then Earl of the *East-Angles*, was lord of this village, and at his death, when King of *England*.<sup>3</sup>

It was a berewic depending on his manor of *Necton*, containing 3 carucates of land, 6 villains, 8 borderers, 2 servi, with 4 acres of meadow; and there were 2 carucates in demean, with one amongst the tenants, paunage for 40 swine, 3 mills, with the moiety of another a fishery, 5 saltworks, &c. seventeen socmen, also and 14 borderers belonged to it, who held 405 acres of land, and 2 acres of meadow, with 5 carucates.

*Turbin* also held of *Herold*, 9 carucates of land, with 13 borderers,

<sup>3</sup> H. et dim. Fredebruge—Tra Radulfi de Toenio Acre tenuit Herold. T. R. E. beruita i Nechetuna iii car. t're. semp. vi. villi. et viii bor. et ii ser. et iiii ac. p'ti. semp. ii car. in d'no. et i car. hou'. silva xl por. et iii mol. et dim. et i pisc. et v sal. sep. v an. et xviii por. tc. cov. mo. clxv. huic t're. jacent semp. xvii soc ccccv ac. tre. et xiiii bor. et ii ac. p'ti. sep. v

car.—In ead. ten. T'rbn. sub Heroldo ii car. t're. T. R. E. tc. xiiii bor. et mo. et iiii ac. p'ti. tc. ii car. in d. mo. i et dim tc. et p. car. ho'um. mo. ii boves sep. i mol. Tota Acre ht. i leug. in long. et lat. et reddit xvid. de xx sol. de gelto. hoc totu' sup. i c. p'tio. de Naketuna.

and 4 acres of meadow, and had 2 carucates in demean, &c. a carucate amongst the tenants, 2 oxen and a mill.

It was one leuca long and broad, and paid 16*d.* gelt, when the hundred paid 20*s.* and was valued with *Necton*.

*Ralph de Tony* married *Elizabeth*, or *Isabel*, daughter of *Simon de Montfort*, and left issue *Ralph* his son and heir, (*Roger* his eldest son dying young,) and was buried with his ancestors in the abbey of *Conchis* in *Normandy*, in the 2*d* year of King *Henry I.*

*Leland* says<sup>a</sup> he married *Alice*, daughter and coheir of *Waldief* Earl of *Huntingdon*.

This *Ralph de Tony* was the founder of the priory of *Westacre*, dedicated it to *St. Mary* and *All-Saints*, and with his wife, his sons *Roger* and *Ralph*, granted for their own souls and their ancestors, his manor of *Westacre* with the parish church, (dedicated to *All-Saints*,) to *Oliver* she priest, or rector of it, and *Walter* his son; to which deed were witnesses—*Gilbert Blond*, *William de Portis*, *William de Lira*, *George Gros*, &c. with all the soc of *Noienton*. It was a cell of the priory of *Lewes*.

On this grant, *Oliver* and *Walter* his sons, entered into the order of the *Cluniac* monks of this priory, with all their effects. Not only priests, but even bishops, were in this age married, and no restraints in this respect were laid upon them.—The Popes, *Boniface I.* and *Felix III.* were sons of priests; and *Gelarius* was the son of a bishop, &c.

The founder gave them also the manor and advowson of *Godwick*.

Amongst their ancient benefactors were *Osmund de Stuteville*, *William*, son of *Stangrenc*, *Thomas Ingaldesthorp*, *Robert de Scales*, *Turgil* the merchant, *Joceline*, son of *Eudo de Nerford*, *Godfrey de Newmarch*, *John Grey* of *Nurburgh*, *Jeffrey*, son of *Walter de Marham*, *Simon de Quatremarch de Roudham*.

In the 10*th* of *Richard I.* a fine was levied between *Bartholomew, de Runhale*, *Roger de Repps* and *Mabel* his wife, and *Gilbert de Runhale*, and *William*, prior of the church of *St. Mary* and *All-Saints*, of *Westacre*, whereby the patronage of the church of *Runhale* was granted to the prior, who gave to each of them a gold ring, and they were to be partakers of the prayers of the convent.

*Roger*, Lord *Tony*, accounted, in the 10*th* of King *John*, for 10 marks to the Exchequer, that the way which used to be through the middle of the priory-court, should be (as it was altered) without the said court.

A fine was levied in the 16*th* of *Henry III.* between *Bartholomew*, son of *Simon*, and *Robert*, the prior of *Westacre*, of 44 acres of land, with 2 messuages in *Grimston*, granted to the prior; and in the 19*th* of that King, the convent paid 100*s.* as an aid, on the marriage of the King's sister to the Emperor of *Germany*.

In his 41*st* year, *Robert* the prior purchased of *Henry*, son of *Margaret*, with a messuage, with one carucate of land, 5 acres of meadow 2*d.* rent in *Pentney*, by fine then levied; and they had also a manor in *Narburgh*, in the 43*d* of *Edward III.*

In the 3*d* of *Edward I.* the prior was found to hold this town in pure alms of the barony of *Tony*; and in the 6*th* of *Edward II.*

*Jeffrey de Sutton* aliened to this convent, a messuage, 60 acres of land 12 of meadow, 40 of pasture, 7 of heath, with 9s. rent in this town, *Walton, Lynn, Wigenhale, Tilney, Terington, Clenchwarton, &c.*

In the following year, *William de Wygenhale* assigned a messuage, 102 acres of land in *Westacre* and *Cuthorp*, with 12s. rent, in exchange for lands in *Wygenhale, Islington, and Tilney*; and in the 13th year here was a patent for 100 acres of land, 100 of pasture, and 3 messuages here, in *Grimston, Congham, Rydon, &c.* late the *Lady Maud de Tony's*.

In the 43d of *Edward III.* *Thomas de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick* (as heir to the Lord *Tony*) had the patronage of the priory in the reign of *Henry VI.* and *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Warwick* held it in right of his wife, *Anne de Beauchamp*, sister and heir to her brother, *Henry Duke of Warwick*.

*King Edward IV.* in his 19th year *July 7*, granted the convent an annual fair, being on the feast or translation of *St. Tho. the Martyr*, (as he was profanely styled) *Archbishop of Canterbury*.

About this time I find they had the manor of *Godscroft* in *South Lynn*, and then valued at 15*l. per ann.*

The priory had the patronage of the following churches, or vicarages, their rectories being appropriated to it: *Breccles, Rougham, West Barsham, Marham, Narford, Appleton, Ashwicken, Lesyate, Wigenhale St. Mary's, and South Lynn*, with 2 parts of the rectory of *Narburgh*, and the rectory appropriated of *Necton*.

The churches of *Westacre* and *Runhale* were wholly appropriated, and served by a curate.

The church of *Bodney* was in their patronage.

A portion of the rectory of *Necton* belonged to them.

In 1428, their temporalities in this town were valued at 38*l. 4s. Qd. ob. per ann.* and the whole of their temporalities at 140*l. 5s. 7d. q. per ann.* and the whole of their temporalities and spiritualities, at 256*l. 11s. Qd. ob.* besides a portion in *Rougham*, with the portion of the prior of *Castleacre* in that church, which they had in farm.

## PRIORS.

*Oliver*, who had been rector of the parish church of *Westacre*, was the first prior.

*William* occurs prior in the 10th of *Richard I.*

*Hubert* occurs prior about 1210.

*Godwin*, occurs about the end of *King John's* reign.

*William*, occurs in the 12th of *Henry III.*

*Robert*, in the 16th and 21st of *Henry III.*

*Simon*, in 1249.

*Robert*, in the 41st of *Henry III.*

*John*, in the 52d of *Henry III.*

*Henry de Acra*, admitted prior, 1800.\*

*William de Wesenham*, admitted, 1320.

*Gilbert de Quaploke*, 1327.

*John de Swaffham*, 1349.

*John de Stow*, prior.  
*Jeffrey de Warham*, 1367.  
*Nicholas de Buttele*, 1373.  
*Peter Bishop*; he resigned in 1382.  
*Nicholas de Buttele*, prior, admitted 1378.  
*John de Acre*, 1390.  
*John de Watlington*, 1414.  
*John de Westacre*, 1417.  
*John Fakenham*, 1450, on the death of *John de West*.  
*John Cosyn*, 1460.  
*Richard Pawe*, or *Palle*, 1467, on *Cosyn's* resignation.  
*Richard* or *Thomas Clerk*, occurs prior in 1503, and S.T.B.  
*William Louth*, occurs in 1520.  
*Thomas Brygget*, S.T.B. occurs in 1522.

*William Wingfeld* occurs in 1526; he was the last prior, and with 15 monks of this priory, on *August* 31, 1534, subscribed to the King's supremacy, and on *January* 14, in the 29th year of King *Henry VIII.* with 8 of his monks, surrendered this priory to the King, who granted to them pensions for life.

The prior's pension was 40*l. per ann.* a considerable annuity at that time. He was living in the *Marian* days, 1555, enjoyed his pension, and was rector of *Burnham Thorp* in *Norfolk*, in King *Edward* the Sixth's reign, and a married priest.

Sir *Robert Townsend* was also then living, and had a pension of 26*s. 8d.* as (formerly) steward of this priory. He was an eminent lawyer, being a serjeant, and justice of *Chester*.

*Wingfeld* the prior, and these following monks, are said to have confessed (to the King's visitors,) themselves guilty of most flagrant acts of incontinency, &c. viz. *William Cobbs*, *William Startwait*, *John Thory*, *William Cofson*, *Richard Franke*, *Edmund Meke*, *Richard Bagnal*, *William Sheltram*, *John Whytinge*, *John Barber*, *Thomas Bradman*, and *Richard Hall*.\*

At its dissolution valued at 260*l. 13*s.* 7*d.* q.* as *Dugdale*; but as *Speed*, at 308*l. 9*s.* 11*d.* q. per ann.*

The convent boasted that they had a piece of *St. Andrew's* finger set in silver, which they had pawned for 40*l.* but the visitors did not think fit to redeem it at that price.

*Robert Rands* of *Horsham St. Faith's*, by his will, in 1452, gives to the priory, 20*s.* to the chapel of *St. Nicholas* therein, 6*s. 8*d.** and to *St. Peter's* chapel there, the said sum.\*

The seal of the priory was large, of an oblong circular form, and of black wax, with a curious impress, containing under an arch, the effigies of the Virgin *Mary*, with the child *Jesus* in her left hand, seated, and treading on the dragon; on each side of the arch stands a monk or a religious, with hands erect, as praying; over this on the summit in an arch, is represented, in a profane manner, the Trinity, as to be seen in the *Romish* breviaries, viz. God the father in the form of an old man seated, his arms extended, supporting the cross, on which is *Jesus*, and a dove hovering about the ear of God the Father, and this legend round it;

\* Compend. Comptor.

\* Reg. Aleyn, Norw. fo. 113.



SIGILLVM. CAPITVLI. BEATE. MARIE. ET. OMNIYM.  
SANCTORVM. DE WESTACRE.

On the reverse is a small head coupé, and round it. MVNDVS, AGIT. MVNDUM. CONTERE. MVNDVS. EBIS. Above this head is a star, below it a crescent. I am inclined to think this head is to represent *Thomas of Becket*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

The priory church stood a little space eastward of the present farmhouse, and was a large pile, built in a cathedral or conventual manner, as may be traced out from its site and foundation; only part of the tower at the west end of the south isle is now remaining. The cloister joined to this south isle, and there was a door here leading into the west end of the south isle, and another out of it into the church by the great tower that stood between the church and the choir. On the east side of the cloister was a way leading (as I take it) into the chapter-house, the north and south walls of which are partly standing as is part of the dormitory, (as I conceive it,) which was either over part of the west side of the cloister or joined to it.

The gate-house leading out of the town into the outward court, or site of the priory, is still standing; over the centre of the arch as you enter, are 3 shields carved on stone: Quarterly, in the first and fourth, *gules*, a fess between six cross crosslets, or, *Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*; in the 2d. and 3d. chequer, or, and, *azure*, a chevron, *ermine*, *Tarquin* Earl of *Warwick*; and in an escutcheon of pretence, *argent*, a maunch, *gules* Lord *Tony*. On the right side of this is the shield of *Tony*, and on the left side that of *Beauchamp*; by the first shield, bearing *Tony* in an escutcheon of pretence, it appears that this gate-house, which is of stone, was built by *Guy de Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*, who married *Alice*, sister and heir to *Robert* Lord *Tony*, which *Guy* died in 1315.

King *Henry VIII.* in his 30th. year, *March 15*, granted to *Mary*, Duchess of *Richmond* and *Somerset*, for life, the site of this priory, with the manor and appropriated rectory; and she by deed, dated at *Keninghale*, confirmed to *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Thomas Holland*, of *Sonnenode*, in *Lincolnshire*, Esq. an annuity of 20*l.* out of it. King *Edward VI.* in his 7th year, *July 1*, granted the reversion to *Sir Thomas Gresham*, in which is also mentioned a grant of certain fold-courses in *Wiken*, *Stambarow*, and *Cuthorpe*; 3 rabbit-warrens in *Wiken* and *Cuthorpe*, with the lordships of those places; the rectory of *Westacre*, with meadows called *Willes meadows*, and a mill, called *Retenow mill*. All which was confirmed to him by Queen *Mary*, in her first year, *April 9*.

After the death of *Sir Thomas*, it was sold by *Thomas Cecil*, afterwards Earl of *Exeter*, who conveyed it to *Horatio Palavicini*, an *Italian*, who before his coming into *England* had dipped his fingers very deep into the treasures of the church, as *Spelman* relates; that is, being treasurer, or having some office in the Pope's treasury at *Rome*, had robbed it and fled.

*Sir Toby*, his youngest son, inherited it, and after many suits, &c. with his eldest brother *Edward*, having consumed his estate, sold it to *Sir Edward Barkham*, alderman of *London*, and Lord Mayor in 1621, created Baronet *June 28*, 1623; from which family it came to

*Charles Yallop*, Esq. (son and heir of *Sir Robert Yallop*) by the marriage of *Hellen*, daughter and heiress of *Sir Edward Barkham*, Bart. whose son, *Edward Spilman*, Esq. is lord, taking that name from his grandfather, *Sir Robert Yallop's* marriage with *Dorothy*, daughter of *Clement Spilman*, Esq. of *Grey's Inn*, one of the Barons of the Exchequer, has conveyed it in 1761, to *Richard Namond*, Esq. of *South Wooton*, reserving the manor-house, and certain lands for life.

The arms of *Yallop* were *gules*, an orle between eight billets, *or*; those of *Spilman*, *sable*, plateé, between two flaunches, *argent*.

The monastery of *Ely* had lands in *Acra*, (but in which *Acra* is not mentioned,) in the Confessor's time, and at the survey, half a carucate of land held by 2 borderers, one servus, with an acre of meadow, and 90 sheep, valued at 3s. *per ann.* called in *Domesday* book *St. Adeldreda's* land, the foundress of that monastery.\* Of this I find no further account, but that it was in this town.

The Church of *Westacre* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and built mostly of flint stones, and embattled. It was a rectory, valued at 11 marks, paid *Peter-perce*, 16*d.* and appropriated to the priory.

The tower is foursquare and embattled, has one bell, and both church and chancel are covered with tile.

On the battlements of the church and tower are the arms of *Sir Edward Barkham*, the first baronet of that name, who repaired and ornamented it;—*argent*, 3 pallets, *gules*, over all, a chevron, *or*; impaling the arms of his lady;—*argent*, on a pale, *sable*, 3 crosses pattee, *or*, in a bordure ingrailed of the 2*d.* *Crouch*.

He had a large manor-house or hall in this parish, called *High-House*, which he built. This being ruinous, &c. *Edward Spilman*, Esq. late lord, built a very curious and stately pile near to the site of the old hall.

*Sir Edward* also erected several seats of oak in the church, with a pulpit and reading desk, wainscoting the chancel and seating it, inclosing the communion table.

His descendant, *Sir Edward*, gave in 1672, a silver cup, gilt, weighing 10 ounces, with his arms, and a cover of 5 ounces; a silver paten gilt, of about 19 ounces, with a silver flagon, gilt, about 61 ounces.

On the pavement of the chancel is a black marble,

In memory of *Sarah*, daughter of *Richard Thorold* of *Westacre*, wife of *Charles Brown* of *Massingham Magna*, who died October 2, 1707, aged 66.

The temporalities of *Castleacre*, with a mill, &c. here, valued in 1428, at 90*s.*

*Wells* priory temporalities, at 3*s.* Of *Wells* priory in *Geyton*, at 3*s.*

The tithes of the town were 4*l.* 7*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

\* Terra Sc'e. Adeldrede.—Hund. i. ser. i ac. p'ti. sep. dim. car. xxx ov& et dim. de Fredebruge—In *Acra* dim. val. iii sol. car. l're. rep. S. A. T. R. E. ii bor. i

## CUSTHORP

**W**As a village in the *Saxon* age, and at the survey called *Culestorpa*, and *Sculatorpa*, as seated on a shoal or shallow water; it stood on the south side of the river *Nar*, directly opposite to *Westacre*, but was in *South Greenhow* hundred; the Lord *Tony* being lord of it at the survey, and so being as a beruite to *Westacre*; I have here accounted for it: 3 socmen held one carucate, but the King had the soc and sac of them; and a borderer had a carucate.<sup>3</sup>

This was most likely given by the Lord *Tony* to his priory on the foundation of it, and at the dissolution was granted to the Duchess of *Richmond*, and so came to *Edward Spilman*, Esq. the late lord, and to *Richard Hamond*, Esq.

On this part the convent, as I take it, built a large chapel now in ruins called *Becket's* chapel, dedicated to that Archbishop, where, on *July 7*, was an annual fair; at the north-east point of this chapel was an house or cell, wherein a custos and a monk or two dwelt, and performed service; by this, not only pilgrims used to pass to the *Lady of Walsingham*, but many also came on purpose to pay their devotion here, where likely there might be some particular relict of that Archbishop.

In 1506, I find mention of a pilgrimage to *St. Thomas of Westacre*.<sup>4</sup> It was built chiefly of flint, was 60 feet long, and 30 broad, and was inclosed as a cemetery with a wall of flint.

*John Spilman*, Esq. in the 6th of *Elizabeth*, held closes called *St. Thomas's*, late *Westacre* priory's, in *Narburgh*.

In the 16th of *Elizabeth*, *April 10*, concealed rents and tithes at *Thorp*, in *Westacre*, were granted to *Edward Dyer* and *H. Cressiner*, in fee farm, belonging lately to *Letheringham* priory in *Suffolk*.—*Wiken*, and *Stophorow*, were, no doubt, places adjoining.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond's* lordship of *Narford* extended herein, being 15 acres, and paid 20d. per ann.<sup>5</sup>

The vview of the account of *Richard Layton*, Doctor of the *Lawes*, and Archdeacon of *Buckingham*, *Robert Sowthwell*, attorney for the augmentations of your grace's most noble crowne, and *Sir Thomas le Straunge*, knight commissioners by your highness assigned for the viewing, valewing and selling of all the jewelless, plate, belles, lead, goods, and chattels, apperteyning to the late monastery of *Westacre*, in the countie of *Norfolk*, made and declared to *Sir Edward North*, knight, chancellor of the court of Augmentations of the révenues of the kinge's crowne, and others the counsail of the sayd court, upon dyverse particuler bookes thereof, to them shewed and delyvered the

<sup>3</sup> T'ra. Radulfi de Toenio—H. de Grenehou—In *Culestorpa*—iii soc de quib; tenebat rex socha' et sacha' et habet. i car. t're. i car. et i bor.

<sup>4</sup> Regis. Rix. Norw. p. 373.

<sup>5</sup> Terra Alani Comitiss—H. de Grenehou—In *Sculatorpa* xc. ac. et reddit xxd.

xiiiith day of *November*, in the xxxvith yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord King *Henry* the Eighth.

Juels and plate. — One lyttle crosse plated with sylver, two challasses one lyttle salt with the cover, parcell gilt, and xi sylver spoones, all valewed by indifferent persons, at *vil. xvs. iiijid.* and sold by the said commissioners, to *Richard Sturges*, for - *viii. xvs.*

Belles VI. — Weyng *mv. dcclb. 1* quarter, every hundreth valewed at *xxis.* amounten to the some of *lxij. iiis. viid.*

Lead in sowes, Weyng *cxxxvi* flooders and a half, every flooder *ccccxl.* valewed at *iiijid.* amouten to - *clxvij.*

Ornaments of the church of the monastery. — Vieved and pryed by indifferent p'sones byn solde by the sayd commissioners, for *xxxij. viid.*

Goodes, cattalle and other moveables. — Vieved and pryed by indifferent p'sones at *ccxli. xvij. iiijid.* and sold by the sayd commissioners nere for the same, and *xxij* over in gayn, which in the hoole amounteth to the some of *ccxxxiiij. xvij. 3d.*

Iron, glasse, stone, and diverse old buildings. — Sold by the sayd commissioners to dyverse sondrye p'sones, as by a perticular booke of the same, may appeare, for - *lxvij. 11s. viid.*  
— *Thomas Wingfeld*, as by his reconings appereth *clxviij.*

Debts owing to the sayde late monastery. — The same *Thomas* for *xl* shepe to him delivered by the late prior at *xvid.* the pece, - *liis. iiijid.*  
— *William Alyson* of *Cambridge*, goldsmith, for plate to him sold over and besides *xvi.* to him remitted by the late prior. - *xiiij.*  
— *William Calybutte*, for six ewers to him sold by the sayd late pryor, to be paid at *Midsomer*, next *xl.*

Redye Money received. — Of the aforesyd *Thomas Wingfeld*, as by his sayd reconing appereth - *clx.*  
— Of Sir *Thomas le Straunge*, knight, as by his reconing appereth, - *vij. xvs. viid.*  
— Of dyverse tenants for the arreragies of their rents and fermes due at *Mighelmas* and *Christmas* last *viiij. xvs.*

Paid to — Dyverse p'sones for sundrie somes of moneye to them due by the late prior, for wagies and debts, as by a booke of the particulars of the same doth appere, — *lvi. xixs. viid. ob.* — Dyverse other persons for taking downe of the belles and wayeng of the same, plucking downe of the leade, melting and weying of the same, and defasyng, and pulling downe of the church dortre and other howses, as by the boke appereth, — *xxiiij. xiiis.* — The commissioners for their costes and expenses ryding from *London* to the sayd late monastery, and there being with dyverse with them for the suppressing, dissolving, and defasyng of the same by five weekes, and for their costes and expences in returning to *London*, agayn, - *xxviij. xiiis. viid.*

And so remaineth in

—Belles unsold remainyng there in the hands of *Richard Sturges*, fermour to the King's majestie's use - lxi. iiii. viid.

Lead unsold, likewyse remainyng in the hands of the sayd *Richard Sturges*, to his higness use, dcxlvii.

—Ornaments of the church delivered by the sayd commissioners to the majest. owne hands, at *Whitehall* in *London*, amounting to the some of - ixl.

Debt owing to the late monastery as afore appereth, - xiiii. xiii. liid.

—Monye owing for part of the goodes, catalles, and other moveables solde as a speciaticke with the sayd commysioners remainyng appereth - cxxl.

—Redye monye in the handes of the said *Rd. Layton*, - cclxxixl. xiii. xid.

Master *William de Westacre*, chancellor to the Bishop of *Normich*, gave by will, in 1418, to *St. John's* altar in this priory church, his missal, his best cup, and gilt osculatory, with a silver cruet, &c. for his chaplain to celebrate there for him; and to the high altar his two best silver dishes; and to the repair of *St. Nicholas's* chapel there, 20s. to the repair of *St. Thomas a Becket's* chapel in *Westacre* field, 20s.

## WIGENHALE IN MARSHLAND.

SIR WILLIAM DUGDALE, in his *History of Imbanking*,<sup>6</sup> is of opinion that the *Romans* were the persons who originally gained from the sea this part of *Norfolk*, called *Marshland*, where the *Saxons* were also invited to settle, from the extraordinary fertility of the soil; and that they did so is evident (says he) from the authentick survey taken by the *Norman Conqueror*, which sheweth that the towns now in being there were also extant in the days of King *Edward the Confessor*.

That this is a just observation is not to be denied, to which we may add, that those towns have also *Saxon* names, and the lords of many of those towns are accounted for with their fees and tenures, in the said survey, as they were held both in the reign of King *Edward the Confessor*, and in that of the *Conqueror*; but the account of the *Wigenhales*, which make four distinct townships and parishes, is not so particular as several of the other townships.

The whole that the survey mentions of them is this; that *Hermerus*

Wagon

Middle branch  
Waters lane  
East drive

U. S. N.

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*de Ferrarijs* had invaded or ejected a freeman out of half a carucate of land that he held in *Wigrehale* in King Edward's time valued at 3s. *per ann.* and of him he had not the protection, was not lord of the fee, and which of the *Wigenhales* this was does not appear.

The reason of this must be that the *Wigenhales* being parts or members of several adjoining lordships and villages, are accounted for and valued under them, (as is frequently found in the survey) or that the greatest part of the *Wigenhales* were at that time again overflowed, a standing pool or lake, and rendered quite unprofitable and neglected by their old lords or owners.

*Wigrehale* is undoubtedly a Saxon name, and seems to set forth and signify, that at this place was a great force or press of water, both from the sea and river *Ouse*, expressed by the word *Wigre*, *Hygre*, or *Eager*, (as it is generally called at this day,) which denotes a raging swell or roul of water, increased by the opposition of any bank or fence against it, and *Hale*, which does not signify a hall or mansion-house, (as many antiquaries interpret it) *Hale*, is the same as *Ale*, that is all-water; thus *Alesham*, *Alesford*, *Halesworth*, &c. or it may be derived from *Wick*, or *Wicken*, and *Halewick*, &c. being a turn of water or a river.

And it appears from an ancient pleading, that before the year 1181 (27th of Henry II. that there was neither any habitation, or ground that yielded profit within that part of *Wigenhale* (St. Mary Magdalen) from a place called *Bustard's Dole*, to the south side of the said town, except the monastery of *Crabhouse*, of which I shall treat,) with certain lands belonging thereto, all being then waste, and in the nature of a desolate fen.<sup>7</sup>

But afterwards divers inhabitants in the neighbourhood came, and by draining and banking, gained as much by their industry as they could; and that they might the more securely enjoy the same, were content to be tenants for it unto such great men (or lords) of whom they held their other lands; and upon this agreement and occasion, by a common consent was made the old podike, first raised about 1222.—

The neighbouring lords, whose tenants set about this work, and the time of their so doing, will in some measure appear from a fine levied in the 8th of Richard II 1187, between *Peter*, son of *Richard de Wigrehale*, querent, and *William*, son of *Alan* of *Clenchwarton*, tenant, of 4 carucates of land in *Wigenhale*, *Clenchwarton*, *Islington*, *Tylney*, &c. granted to *Peter*, being part of the fees or lordships of *Simon*, son of *Richard*, &c. who held under the Earls of *Clare*, who had the lands of *William de Scohies*, lord at the conquest.

At the same time, *Peter de Bexwell* held lands of the Lord *Bardolf*, which *Hermerus de Ferrarijs* was lord of, at the grand survey; as the abbots of *Bury*, the priors of *Ely* and *Lewis* did in *capite*; the prior of *Westacre*, of the Lord *Tony*; *Godfrey de Lisewis* under *Hugh de Mountfort*; *Robert de Capraville* or *Kervile*, under the Earl *Warren*, lords at the survey.

<sup>7</sup> Invasio Hermerij de Ferrarijs—  
Hund. et dim. de Fredobridge—In  
Wigrehale dim. car. tres. tenuit lib.  
ho. T. R. E. et val. iiii sol. et in b. n.  
c'md.

<sup>8</sup> All these towns lie near some river,  
&c.

<sup>9</sup> Chartular. de Castlacre.



The register of *Castleacre* observes that his podike made as above, by common agreement and aid, was in the time of *Walier de Sculham*, *William Fitz-Alan*, *Richard*, son of *Brunswan*, *Philip Ulketel*, *Osbert* at the Bridge, *Thomas de Caprevil*, *Roger*, son of *Hildebrand*.—(*Reg. Cast. p. 144.*) No doubt principal undertakers.

In the 2d of *Henry III.* 1217, it appears that this good work of draining had been successful; for *Hugh de Burgo* Earl of *Kent*, and lord chief justice of *England*, and *Eustachius* Bishop of *Ely*, had then a grant or writ of seisen, of all the marsh between *Wiggehalé* and *Well*, *Hakebeche*, *Tylney*, and *Tyrington*;\* no doubt on some assurances of their better embanking and securing it, and that what they had performed, might very probably induce the neighbouring lord's tenants and others to proceed further.

## WIGENHALE, ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

THE principal lordship in this town was in the family of *Caprevil*, *Chereville* or *Kervile*. *Sir Frederick* (or *Fraer*) *de Caprevilla* gave by deed, *sans date*, in the beginning of *Henry* the Third's reign to the prior of *Castleacre*, his tenement and manor, as well in this town, as what extended out of it, with the demean lands, foldages, free bull and boar, the meadows, pastures, rents, services, freemen, villains, mills, fisheries, wards, reliefs, with the advowson and patronage of the church of *St. Mary Magdalen*;—witnesses, *Sir William de Terrington*, *Sir Martin de Littlebury*, *Sir Reginald de St. Martin*, *Sir Hamond de Patesle*, &c.

Soon after this grant, the rectory was appropriated to the said priory, a vicarage was settled in their presentation, and in 1227, *John de Pagrave* appears to be instituted vicar.

*Robert de Chereville*, by deed *sans date*, confirmed to the prior all that he held of his fee (which I take to be of the Earl *Warren*) in the time of his ancestors here; also 5 perches, in the churchyard of *St. Mary Magdalen*, for which he hath an exchange, and what *Hugh* the priest holds of his fee, in *Bichto*; the land which *Lefstan*, and *Hugh*, the priest, held; and the land that *Achill*, son of *Branild*, held, for which 3 marks were paid to him, and one bezant to his wife.

*Robert Quirel*, alias *Sorel*, and *Agnes* his wife, granted by fine, in the 42d of *Henry III.* to *John*, prior, 4 acres and a half of land, and 2 acres and a half of meadow here, with the appertenance.

*Jeffrey de Snetesham* granted them 2 villains, *Peter de Bekerwell* one, and *Nicholas Lolle* 10 acres; *Roger*, son of *Richard le Pindar*, and *Wimer* his brother gave them lands, and *Richard*, son of *William*

\* *Claus. M. 1.*

*de Bynetre*, certain homages and services here; *Nicholas de Wigenhale*, son of *Alan de Wigenhale*, gave them also, by deed sans date, lands in this parish.

In the 13th of *Edward II.* the number of acres in this parish, between the *Pokedych*, and *Westfenlode*, and from *Mikledole* north, to between the bank and mere, as measured, surveyed, and found by a provost and 12 jurymen, at the King's command, was one thousand, one hundred, eleven acres and a half, with half a rood.

In 1428, the temporalities of *Castleacre* priory, in land, a mill, &c. were valued at 4*l.* 9*s.* 6*d.* per ann. and being a cell to the priory of *Lewes*, in *Sussex*, a pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. was paid out of this manor to *Lewes*.

In the 16th of *Henry VI.* the office of water bailiff from *Staplewere*, to *Larkshern*, was granted by patent to *Giles St. Loo*, for life, and in the 1st of *Henry VII.* the office of water bailiff of *Magdalen Bridge*, was granted to *Geffrey Wade*, during the King's pleasure.

I have seen a memorandum wrote by *Gybbon Goddard*, Esq. serjeant at law, and recorder of *Lynn*, who was a curious collector of antiquities, and died in 1671, wherein he observes that in his time, in digging to set down a new sluice, a little beneath *Magdalen fall*, which is about half a mile from *Magdalen-bridge*, on *Marshland* side, there was found, about 16 foot within soyle, a grave-stone, of about 8 foot long, and a cart-wheel near to it; the grave-stone is now in *Magdalen churchyard*; Mr. *Emerson*, from whom (says he) I had this relation, was the man that employed the workmen: many oaks and firs are daily taken up, and they lie about 2 or 3 foot deep under the soil.

All the land in this parish is said to be freehold, and certain freehold rents are paid to the Lord *Fitz-Williams*, lord of *Kenwick* in *Tilney*, and to Sir *Richard Brown*, who is lord of *Wigenhale*, *St. Mary's William de Lisewise*, who was founder of the priory of *Crabhouse*, in this town, had a lordship here in the reign of *Henry II.* and in *Islington* and *Clenchwarton*; by a daughter and coheir of his grandson, it came by marriage to the *Ingaldesthorps*, and Sir *Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* died seized of lordships in the aforesaid towns, 1456, leaving *Isabell*, his only daughter and heir, married to *John Nevill*, Marquis *Montacute*, whose estate being afterwards divided amongst his 5 daughters and coheirs, this came by *Lucy*, one of the said daughters and coheirs, to the family of *Fitz Williams*, by her marriage with Sir *Thomas Fitz Williams*, (of *Aldwark*, in *Yorkshire*.) in the reign of King *Henry VII.*

The CHURCH of *St. Mary Magdalen of Wigenhale*, is a regular good building, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, with its porch, and a chancel, all covered with lead; at the west end stands a four square tower of stone.

On a black marble, in the chancel,

*Hoc sub marmore jacent Thomas et Susanna Knight, conjuges: hæc obiit, Nov. 13, 1676, ille, quondam hujus ecclesiæ vicarius, Martij 15, 1696.* And this shield, argent, three pallets, gules, and on a canton, of the second, a spur or, *Knight*, impaling ----, a castle triple-towered, *Towers*, as I take it.

In the middle isle, is also a grave-stone

*In memory of Mr. John Parlet, of Watlington, who dyed July 12, 1700, aged 66 years: and for, Elizabeth, wife of Mr. Greg. Parlet, of Tilty, who died August 13, 1710, aged 39.*

On the pannels of the screen are the emblems of the four Evangelists; also *sable*, a fess nebuly, *argent*, between six billets, or, in a window.

The upper part of the north isle has been a chapel, being taken in with a screen.

A black marble gravestone, in this isle,

*In memory of Mr. Francis Spensley, who dyed June 23, 1687, unmarried, and left an estate in this parish to his nephew's only child; he is said to be above fourscore years of age; and these arms, quarterly, p. cross wavy, or and ---, four martlets counterchanged.*

Also here lies a stone whereon was the effigies of a man and his wife, &c.; there now remain only the portraitures of 9 boys, and 4 girls.

In the east window is the broken effigies of St. Nicholas the Pope on his throne, and in the other windows north, those of St. Bruno, St. Adelm, St. Sampson, St. German, St. Cuthbert, St. Hugh, Bishops, and St. Leo, and St. Silvester, Popes.

The east end of the south isle is taken in with a screen, and has been a chapel: on a piece of an old oaken seat, here, is or, on two barrulets, *gules*, three waterbudgets, *argent*, the arms of Willoughby.

In a window over the middle arch, on the south side, are these arms, *sable*, a lion rampant, *argent*, Stapleton;—barry of six, *gules* and *argent*, a bordure, *sable*, Moulton, as I take it; *gules*, a chevron, or, between three plates—Bevil; and per pale, *azure* and or, a lion counterchanged.

There were formerly in this church, in the east window of the chancel, the arms of England and France, quarterly;—of the Earl Warren, —of Albany Earl of Arundel, and Earl Warren, quarterly; and the effigies of St. Mary Magdalen.

In a south window of the chancel, Howard and Denver.

In a north window of the chancel, Ingaldesthorp—*azure*, two swords in saltire, *argent*, hilted or: above this an archbishop's pall fringed, charged with cross crosslets fitchee, *sable*, and in chief, a mitre of 3d; underneath, part of a broken inscription, . . . . ., p. aiab; Tho. prior de . . . . .

And about the church, the arms of Kercile, Scales, Berney, Gissing, Heveningham, Lord Lovell, Bovile, and a griffin segreant.

In the church was a chantry valued at the Dissolution at 5*l.* 15*s.* 5*d.* ob.

The rectory of this church was given to the priory of Castleacre, by Sir Frederick de Capravill, (as I have before observed) and was appropriated to that monastery by Thomas de Blundevile Bishop of Norwich, in 1227, or 1228.

The settlement of the vicar was made by him, who was to have the altarage with all small tithes, tithe of all pulse, (leguminum,) that is, pease, beans, vetches, &c. and a moiety of the tithe hay; \* all other

\* Reg. Castleacre, fol. 26.—Ped. Fin. Term. Mich. 29 Hen. VIII. Nr. 207.

tithe to be ceded to the prior and convent; it is dated at *North Elmham*, on the 15th of the kal. of *January*, in the 2d year of his pontificate.

This was confirmed by *William* Bishop of *Norwich* (Bishop *Ruleigh*) in 1243, when the tithe of turf in the said parish was granted to the vicar, or 4s. instead of the tithe, or 12000 turf instead of the 4s.<sup>3</sup> dated at *North Elmham*, on the ides of *April*, in the fourth year of his pontificate.

In this monastery the rectory remained, with the patronage of the vicarage, till the dissolution of it, when, in the 29th of *Henry VIII.* *Thomas* the prior, conveyed them by fine to that King, and on the 22d of *December*, in the said year, the King granted them to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*; and the said Duke, on the first of *November*, in the first year of *Queen Elizabeth*, granted by deed to *Thomas Welles* of this town, the rectory, and the advowson of the vicarage, and *Welles* presented in 1565, &c.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *January* 14, in the 22d of *James I.* it was found that *Thomas Oxborough*, Esq. died *December* 8, in the 21st of that King, possessed of this rectory, 66 acres of land, the advowson of the vicarage, 3 messuages, one cottage, 15 acres of pasture, and 30 of marsh, in this parish and *St. German's*, late parcel of the priory of *Castleacre*, held in capite by knight's service.

*Thomas* was his son and heir, by *Thomasine* his wife, who held the same, and had by *Audrey* his wife, *Hewer Oxborough*, his son and heir, and *Laurence*, his second son; *Hewer* dying in 1628, it came so his brother *Lawrence*, then aged 18.

*Mr Bateson* died possessed of the rectory and advowson of the vicarage, and his daughter and heir, *Susannah*, being married to *Mr. Garforth*, vicar, possessed them in her right.

In 1428, I find the rectory taxed at 24 marks, and the vicarage at 7 marks; *Peter*-pence 11d. ob.

The vicarage is taxed in the King's books now at 8l. 6s. 8d. and is capable of being augmented.

*William de Lisewise* gave to the prior of *St. Margaret*, and convent at *Lynn*, 12 acres of land in *Wygenhale*, sans date.—*Regist. 5. Eccles. Cath. Norwic.* fol. 50.

*Robert*, prior of *Westacre*, by deed sans date, released to the priory of *Castleacre*, all the tithes which they had in this parish, in tofts and crofts, between *Staplewere*, and the north part of the dole of *John Fitz Richard*.—*Reg. Castleacr.* fol. 86.

The temporalities of the canons of *Thetford* here, were valued in 1428, at 9s.

The prior of *Isworth's* at 9s. and the prior of *Pentney's*, at 2l. 1s.

On *November* 16, in the 6th of *Edward VI.* 40 acres belonging hereto, in the tenure of *Ed. Baker*, were granted to *Edward Lord Clynton*.

*William de Constantiis* was rector of this church about the year 1200, in the time of *John* of *Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*.

<sup>3</sup> *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed all the tithe of the turf here, allowing to the prior and convent of *Castleacre*, the vicar as above, in his 4th year.

## VICARS.

- 1227, *John de Pagrave*, vicar, presented by the prior and convent.\*  
 1313, *Thomas Gange*, by *Walter*, prior, &c.  
 1331, *Sim Francis*, an exchange for *Linton* in *Cambridgeshire*.  
 1338, *Thomas Houlyn*, by *Guy*, prior, &c.  
 1349, *Robert de Griston*.  
 1351, *Richard Mounch*.  
 1352, *Andrew de Wimbotshum*, exchanged for *Fersfield*, in *Norfolk*.  
 1361, *Henry Redgrave*.  
 1374, *John Atte Dele*.  
     *Robert Blome*, occurs vicar 1394, alias *Robert Blower*.  
 1397, *Nicholas Young*, on an exchange for *Watlesfield*, in *Suffolk*.  
 1399, *Thomas Dumpysday*, exchanged for *Wode Rysing*.  
 1399, *Simon Weston*.  
 1409, *Edmund Pery*, on an exchange with *Jeff. Schavere*, vicar here, for *Fincham St. Michael*.  
 1425, *Richard Hereford*.  
 1429, *Robert Hamond*.  
 1437, *Thomas Cowper*.  
 1451, *Roger Oky*.  
 1460, *William Wright*,  
 1466, *Robert Barker*.  
 1481, *John Bendys*.  
 1485, *John Perkyn*.  
 1486, *Thomas Betisson*.  
 1491, *John Palmer*.  
 1508, *Richard Younge*.  
 1536, *James Cole*.  
 1536, *Edward Flynte*.  
 1537, *William Salter* by *Edmund Bedingfeld*, assignee to the prior.  
 1538, *John Tankersley*, by *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*.  
 1543, *John Selby*.  
 1554, *Henry Rumpeshaw*.  
 1556, *Robert Binks*, by *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*.  
 1565, *Robert Elden*, by *John Welles*.  
 1571, *Edmund Welles*.  
 1576, *Thomas Granger*, by *John Welles*, of *Walsoken*, *Gent*.  
 1579, *William Funnell*, by *John Welles*.  
 1585, *Robert Newton*, by *Thomas Oxburgh*, *Gent*.  
 1592, *William Rook*.  
 1597, *Ralph Dodd*, by *Thomas Oxburgh*.  
     *Mahaleel Rymes* died vicar in 1661.  
     *Thomas Knight*, A. M. presented by *John Knight*, died vicar in 1696.  
 1697, *Peter Bateson*.  
 1720, *Richard Foster*, by *Peter Bateson*.  
 1733, *William Garforth*, by *Susan Bateson*, on *Bateson's* death.  
 1756, *Roger Wilson*, by *Susan Garforth*, widow.

## CRABHOUSE NUNNERY.

In this parish of *Wigenhale St. Mary Magdalen*, on the bank of the river *Ouse*, south of the town, was this house (dedicated to *St. John the Evangelist*) of nuns of the order of *St. Augustine*.

It was founded by *Roger*, the prior, and convent of *Reynham*, about 1181, with the consent of *William de Lisewise*, who was lord of the site, and the founder of the little priory (called *Normansbergh*) in *South Reinham*; this *William* lived in the reign of King *Henry II.* and held lordships in *Gately*, *Reinham*, &c. under the *Montforts*, which family descended from *Hugh de Monteforti*, who was lord also of *Islington*, *Clenchwarton*, &c. (towns adjoining to this) of the gift of the Conqueror, and *Lisewise* held under him.

This prior granted to *Lana* or *Leva*, daughter of *Godr. de Lynne*, a nun, all the small tract of ground here, (called a desert and solitary place) that was inhabited by a hermit, and not overflowed, with the hermitage: *Lana* and her nuns were to hold it freely by the payment of 12d. per ann. to the priory of *Normansburgh*, as appears from the following deed of *Roger*, the prior, and his canons:

*Universis St. matris eccles. filijs, Rogeri servus servorum. Dei prior humillimus de Reinham, et fratres sui canonici salut. omnipot. Dei benedictionem, &c. Nos communi consensu dedisse et concessisse Dne. Lene, sce monial; filie Godricj de Lenne, et monialib; ibid Deo servientib; et servitutis, Heremium\* Scj Johannes Evangel. in australj parte situm juxta Wigehale, cum omnib; pertinent; infra circuitum fovear. et extra, et in turbaria, que fuit Aluricj filij Chidemannj tenend. de eccles. nostra, et de nobis, et de successorib; nostris, omni subjectione remota, annuatim reddendo 12d. de recognitione eccles. nostre in die Scj Joh. Evangeliste, infra natal. et ut hoc liberius et firmiter teneant, auxiliante Dno. nostro Jesu Xt. et proclamante Wilt. de Lisewise, dno. fundi cum chartula nostre testimonio confirmavimus, sicut ipse cum charta sua illud nobis in perpet. elemosun. confirmavit.*

*Qui vero ilj aliquod p. amore Dej beneficium impendet sciet se missarum, orationum, et omnium beneficior. que fient in eccles. nostra participem fierj. Testib; Sim. Presbyt. de Wigehale, Walto. filio ejus, Wilt. fil. Alanj, Alano de Tilneiu, &c.*

*Godfrey*, (son of the aforesaid *William*,) with the consent of *Maud* his wife, *William*, his son and heir, and all his children confirmed the grant of his father, (at the hermitage, and land here which *John*, the hermit held) to the said nunnery, and to be held of the priory of *Normansburgh*.

*Reginald*, son of *Hamon de Thorpeland*, by the command of King *Henry II.* son of *Maud* the Empress, sold to this priory 5 acres of land in the marsh, by *Wigenhale*, for 5 marks;—witnesses, *Gilbert*, the priest of *Denver*, *Alured*, capellane of the church of *St. Edmund's*, *Peter* capellane of *Caldecotes*, *Constant*, son of *Godfrey* of *Linn*, *Ralph*, clerk of *Thorpelan?*, *Sim. de Caulti*, *William*, son of *Peter Bekeswell*, *Peter de Pelevill*, *Robert de Wallington*, *Robert de Cherevile*, &c.

The said *Reginald* and his wife *Rheda*, or *Theda*, gave to God, *St.*

\* Called also in some writings Heremitorium,

*Mary, St. John, and St. Thomas, and the nuns of this priory, serving God in the desert (Heremo) by Wiggehale, with their daughter, whom they had given to be educated, and to serve God there, a toft of one acre of pasture, 8 acres in Thorpland field, also 12d. rent per ann. and 6 other acres; witnesses, Jeff. dean of Fincham, Helmade, priest of Thorp, &c.*

In the 2d of *Edward III.* several lands were alienated to this house; and in 38th of that King, *John*, the rector of *Castre St. Edmund*, in *Norfolk*, gave a messuage, with 38 acres of land in *Clenchwarnton*, and in *Wigenhale*, held of the heirs of *William de Ingaldesthorp*, paying 2s. per ann.

In the 2d of *Richard II.* the church of *St. Peter's of Wigenhale* was appropriated to it. In the 11th of that King, *Nicholas Beaupre*, &c. alienated to it a messuage, and 33 acres of land in *Thorpland*, *Wygenhale*, and *Tilney*; and in the 15th of the said King, the prioress had the fishery in *Wygenhale*, belonging to the manor of *Rangeton*.

*Henry IV.* in his 12th year, granted a patent for 35 acres and a rood in *Wigenhale*.

In the 25th of *Henry VI.* license was given to purchase tenements and lands, to the value of 10l. per ann. *Sir Edmund de Ingaldesthorp* was found, in the 35th of that King, to die seized of the patronage of it; and in the 38th of the said reign, a patent was granted for certain tenements in *Wygenhal*, and *North Clenchwarnton*.

At its dissolution it was valued at 24l. 19s. 6d. as *Dugdale*; but at 31l. 16s. 7d. as *Speed*.

### PRIORESSES.

*Læna*, or *Læva* was the first prioress.

*Cæcilia*, occurs prioress in 1249.

*Agnes de Methelwold*, admitted prioress, 1315.\*

*Margaret Costeyn*, on the death of *Agnes*, 1344.

*Oliva de Swaffham*, 1349.

*Cecilia de Well*, 1341.

*Cecilia de Beaupre*, occurs 1376.

*Matilda Tulbot*, on *Beaupre's* death, 1396.

*Joan Wigenhale* occurs prioress in 1427.<sup>†</sup>

*Margery Daubeney*, 1415.

*Etheldreda Walmere*, 1468.

*Elizabeth Breden* occurs about 1500.

*Margaret Stufield* was prioress at the dissolution, and about 10 years before.

In the *Compendium Compertorium*, we have this account of the prioress and some of the nuns at its dissolution:

*Margeria Studefeld*, priorissa, habuit unam prolem.

*Agnes Smith*, unam, e soluto.

*Cecilia Barnesley*, duas proles, unam ex soluto, alter ex laico, et *Elizabetha Brown*, duas proles ex solutis habuere.

And they were accused of alienating certain lands to *Coningby*, and to *Gybon*.

\* Regist. Norw. Lib. Instit.

† Reg. Norw. Surhist, p. 15.

Here were a prioress, and 6 or 7 nuns.

*Edward Perys*, rector of *Watlington*, wills to be buried in this priory church, in 1427; as did *William Trusbut*, S. T. P. in 1450, rector of *Watlington*, and *John Wyche*, alias *Babber*, of *Stow Bardolf*, in 1456, who gave a messuage, called *Brungers*, with a right of a fishery thereto belonging; also *John Gelham* of *Stowe Bardolf*, in 1468, and gave legacies to the prioress and every nun.

*Spelman*, in his Glossary, observes, that there were in this priory, in 1425, two antiphonaries, which cost them 26 marks, a great sum in that age.

On the 28th of June, Queen *Mary* in her 1st year<sup>6</sup> granted to Sir *John Gage*, Knt. of *Sussex*, the site of this priory, gardens, orchard, and demean lands appertaining to it, with the moiety of the tithe of a field, called *Peter's field*, and a moiety of the rectory of *St. Peter's Wigenhale*, with all the messuages, lands, &c. belonging to it in *Wigenhale*, *Tilney*, *Islington*, *Sechy*, *East Winch*, *Clenchwarton*, *Lynne*, *Wimbotsham*, *Thorpe*, *Elme*, *Elmneth*, &c. to be held by knight's service. Sir *John*, by his will, dated February 20, 1555, and proved June 10, following, gives to the vicar of *St. Mary Magdalen, Wigenhale*, the tithe of a field here, called part of the demans of *Crabhouse*; the vicar and his successors, praying for him by name, in the parish church every Sunday at high mass, for evermore. Sir *Edward Gage*, his son, died seized of it in 1568; and after him, *John Gage*, Esq. possessed it; but in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Guilford*, had license to alienate the manor of *Crabhouse*, with the appertenances to *Thomas Low*, and in the 21st of that Queen, *William Chapman*, and *Robert Wythen*, had a pardon for purchasing it of *Low*, without license, and in that year *Thomas Hanmer* had license to alienate it with the moiety of *St. Peter's Wigenhale* rectory, to *Roger Powell*.

After this it was possessed by Mr. *John Wright*. *Spelman* says his son consumed his estate, and sold it to Mr. *William Guybon*, of *Watlington*, who held it about 1640: of this family was Mrs. *Guybon*, who married Captain *Pamplin*, of *Wallington*, by *Mildenhale*, who surviving him, and dying without issue, gave it by will to Mrs. *Hawlet*, her companion, that lived with her, and she left it to her nephew, whose daughter, or niece, brought it by marriage to Mr. *Thorold*, the late owner.

In the 4th of *Elizabeth*, August 25, the Queen granted to *Cecilia Pykerell* concealed lands in *Wigenhale*, in the tenure of *German Sherete*; and April 10, in her 16th year, she granted to *Edward Dyer*, and *Henry Crescener*, concealed lands lately belonging to *West Derham* abbey.

A messuage in this parish, with a pightell adjoining, and 7 acres of land, *Abbot's dole*, *Mormion's*, or *Marrion's dole*, &c. with 8 acres of land, and a dole, called *She's dole*, with the appertenances in the tenure of *Edward Rumney*, and *William Hill*, lately belonging to *West Derham* abbey, were granted 22d of November, in the 5th of *James I.* to *Robert Morgan*, and *George Warde*, to be held in soccage of the manor of *Greenwich*.

The temporalities of this abbey in the *Wigenhales*, were valued in 1428, at 5*l.* 8*s.* 10*d.* ob. with the priory of *Wynwaloy*.

<sup>6</sup> Some accounts say Feb. 21, Ao. 1. et 2do Phil. and Mary.



On the 22d of *July*, in the 7th of *James I.* 45 acres of land and pasture, in the fields of *Wigenhale*, called *Heydole*, &c. were granted to *Robert Angell*, and *John Walker*, being part of the possessions of the aforesaid abbey, lately let at 4*l.* 1*9s.* per ann.

## WIGENHALE ST. MARY'S.

**H**ERMERUS DE FERRARIIS, who had by the gift of the Conqueror, lordships in *Tilney*, and *Islington*, was also Lord here ; those manors extending here, which came after to the lords *Bardolph*.

The ancient family of *Capravill*, or *Kercile*, held the chief manor in this town, of the Lords *Bardolph*, and had their seat or residence here. *Robert de Capravill*, *Simon*, son of *Roger*, and *Robert*, son of *Walter de Cherevill*, and *Jeffrey de Cherevile* were living in the reign *Richard I.*<sup>7</sup>

*Reginald de Karevilla*, or *Kercill*, who married *Alice*, daughter of *Sir Richard de la Rokeley*, and had with her the lordship of *Greenvill*, in *Stoke Holy Cross*, lived in the reign of King *John*. *Sir Frederick de Capravill* was found to hold in *Wigenhale*, two knights fees of the honour of *Wirmegay*, of the Lord *Bardolph*, when an aid was granted to King *Henry III.* on the marriage of his sister *Isabel*, to the Emperor ; and *Robert de Cherevile*, by deed sans date was a benefactor to the priory of *Castleacre*, and *Alice de Cherevile*, conveyed lands in *Tilney*, by fine in the 32d of *Henry III.* to *Philip de Cherevile*.

*William*, son of *William de Kercile*, of *Wigenhale*, bought lands of *Edmund de Sexton*, by fine, in the 21st of *Edward I.*<sup>8</sup> and *Martin Snelling*, and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed by fine to *William de Kercill*, and *John*, his son, lands in *Tilney*, in the 3d of *Edward II.* and *William de Wigenhale*, and *Petronilla* his wife, lands in *Wigenhale*, &c. to *Jahn de Kercile*, and a mill in the 17th that King ; and one of the same name was witness to a deed in the 1st and 7th of *Edward III.*

After this lived *Edmund Kervil*, who married *Alice*, daughter and coheir of *Sir John Tilney*, of *Quaplode*, in *Lincolnshire*. *Sir Robert Kercile* of *Wigenhale* was son of this *Edmund*, (as I take it) and dying most probably in foreign parts, his heart was buried in this parish church : he is said to be the ancestor of the *Kercils*, of *Watlington*, and to have an elder brother, *John*, who married a daughter of *Thomas Fitz Williams*, Esq of *Maplethorp*, in *Lincolnshire*, and was lord of this manor.

*Thomas Kercile*, Esq. was lord in the year 1467, and had by *Mary*

<sup>7</sup> Robert de Capravill was witness to a deed of Robert de Watlington, in King Stephen's time.—Walter de Caprevilla appears to have a lordship here, and granted with the assent of Isabel his wife, Elmar, a villain, in free alms to

the priory of Castleacre. Reg. Castleac. sans date.

<sup>8</sup> About this time William Chervill, and Thomas at the Grange held the eight part of a fee of the Earl Warren.

his wife, daughter and coheir of *Gilbert Haultoft*, of the isle of *Ely*, Baron of the Exchequer in the time of *Henry VI.* *Humphrey* was his son and heir, who married *Alice*, or *Anne*, daughter of *John Fincham*, Esq. of *Fincham*, by whom he had *Humphrey*, his son and heir, who married *Anne*, daughter of *Jeff. Cobbe*, Esq. of *Sandringham, Norfolk* and had 3 sons, and 7 daughters.

*Thomas*, his eldest, *William* his second, and *Edmund* the third, who married *Catharine*, daughter of *William Saunders*, Esq. she married to her second husband, *John Spelman*; Esq. of *Narburgh*, and to her third, *Miles Corbet*, Esq.

*Alice Kercile*, a daughter, married first *John Bedingfeld*, Esq. and afterwards *Sir John Sulyard*, Knt.—*Elizabeth* married *Robert Boson* of *Wisneset*, Esq.—*Eleanor* to *Neal*, Esq.—*Joan*, to *John Shouldham*, Esq.—*Catharine*, to ——— *Gawsell*, Esq.—*Margaret*, first married *Nicholas Dean* of *Wigenhale*, Gent. and afterwards *John Shorditch*, alias *Bezwel*, Esq. of *Bezwel*, and *Mary* to ———.

*Thomas Kervil*, Esq. the eldest son, married *Alice*, daughter of *Sir Henry Bedingfeld* of *Orburgh*, by whom he had *Henry Kervile*, Esq. who, by *Winifred*, his wife, daughter of *Sir Anthony Thorold*, Knt. and relict of *George Clifton*, Esq. of *Nottinghamshire*; her third husband was *Sir Edward Gawsell*, Knt. and *Sir Henry Kervile*, who married *Mary*, daughter of *Franc. Plowden*, Esq. by whom he had two children, who died in their infancy. He was a bigotted papist, and about *November 1620*, was accused by *Sir Cristopher Heydon*, Knt. that the Papists met at his house, in order to subscribe to and assist the Emperor, against the King of *Bohemia*, when King *James I.* requested a loan (for the recovery of the *Palatinate*) from the nobility and gentry of *England*, whereupon he was sent for to the council table, imprisoned some time, and his papers seized, but was afterwards released.

*Sir Henry Spelman* says that on his death, (1624,) the estate of the *Kerviles* came into the family of the *Cobbs* of *Sandringham*;\* but it is certain it did not continue long so.

In the 21st of King *Charles I.* *John Williamson*, Gent. had a præcipe to deliver it to *Gregory Gawsell*, Esq. who was eldest son of *Thomas Gawsell*, Esq. of *Watlington*, and dying unmarried in 1656, this lordship came to *Hatton Berners*, Esq. (son of *Arthur Berners*, Esq. of *Finchingfield*, in *Essex*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, eldest sister of *Gregory Gawsell* aforesaid,) who was high sheriff of *Norfolk*, in 1666, and on his death in 1713, it descended to *Gregory* his eldest son, who dying unmarried in 1715, his brother *William* was his heir, who married and had several children, and dying in 1727, this estate was soon after sold, in order to pay his debts, &c. to *Sir Robert Brown*, Bart. who was his Majesty's resident, or consul, at *Venice*, and created a Baronet in the 5th of King *George II.* was a member of parliament for *Ilchester*, in *Somersetshire*, and 1741, appointed paymaster of all his Majesty's works, and lord of this town; his arms,—gules, a chevron, between three fleurs-de-lis, or;—crest, on a wreath, a demy lion rampant, gules, in his dexter paw a fleur-de-lis, as before;—motto, *Gaudeo*: he died *October 6, 1760*, leaving a widow and two daughters.

At a place called *Watthen*, or *Waterden*, in this parish, Serjeant

\* Pasche Ao. 21 James I. N. 41.

*Godard* observes there was to be seen in his time some remains of a church, also bones that appear at a low ebb upon the river side.

The old hall, or manor-house, was a large building of brick, with a good tower, or gate-house, embattled and built by the *Kerviles*, with their arms thereon; the greatest part of it is pulled down, and inhabited by a tenant.

### WESTACRE PRIORY MANOR.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *Hubert*, prior of *Westacre*, held lands here, as appears by a fine; in the said year, *Robert*, son of *William*, son of *Ivo de Wigenhale*, impleaded *Hubert*, prior, on account of lands here, and in the 34th of the said King, *Robert de Walpole* aliened lands to that priory.—*Esch.* N. 136.

In the 6th of *Edward II.* *Jeffrey Sutton* aliened lands to the aforesaid priory, viz. 60 acres of land in *Wigenhale*, *Walton*, *Tilney*, *Tirington*, &c. (*Inquis. ad qd. damn.* N. 15.) and in the 7th of the said King, *William de Wigenhale* aliened to the said house 102 acres of land, &c. 12s. rent in *Wigenhale* and *Cuthorp*, by way of exchange; (*Inquis. ad qd. damn.* N. 102.) also *John Wigenhale* 60 acres of land, 12 of meadow, with a messuage in *Wigenhale*, *Tirington*, *Tilney*, &c. in the said year. N. 112.

In the 3d of *Edward III.* the said prior was found to hold the 4th part of a fee in *Wigenhale* and *Tilney* of the Lord *Bardolph*.

In 1428, the temporalities of this priory here were valued at 14*l.* 3*s.* per ann. in land, rent, and a mill, and their spiritualities (that is the appropriated rectory) at 12 marks.

On the Dissolution it came to the Crown; and in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, lands belonging to this house, in the tenure of *John Saunderson*, were granted to Sir *John Perrot*, p. 2. on July 2, but the appropriated rectory was granted by Queen *Elizabeth*, in her 2d year, July 2, to *John Harryngton*, and *George Burden*, and the patronage of the vicarage remained in the Crown.

The Bishop of *Ely* had a little homage here of several free tenants, probably belonging to his manor of *West Walton*, which extended here, but it had not a lete.

The prior of *Bernwell* in *Cambridgeshire* was found to hold the fourth part of a fee in *Wygenhale*, of the Lord *Bardolph*, in the 3d of *Edward III.* and his temporalities in 1428, were valued at 2*l.* 13*s.* per ann.

The abbot of *Derham*, and *Edward Noon*, were found to hold in *Wigenhale*, and *Tilney*, in the 3d of *Henry IV.* two knights fees of the Lord *Bardolf*, 45 acres of land, meadows, &c. in *Wigenhale*, granted July 22, in the 7th of *James I.* to *Robert Angel*, and *John Walker*, called *Heydole*, lately belonging to *West Derham* abbey.

The prior of *Wirmegey's* temporalities, in *Wigenhale*, were valued at 2*l.* 3*s.* 10*d.* ob.

The abbot of *Bury* had a manor here, &c. valued at 2*l.* 0*s.* 6*d.* ob. *William de Sculldham*, gave to this abbey, for his own soul, and that of *Adelita* his wife, a toft, which *Seman* and his wife, *Leofnot*, held in the parish of *Wigenhale St. Mary*, and a croft in *Waterdene*, which *Sampion*, abbot of *Bury*, who lived in the reign of King

*Richard I.* confirmed to *William*, son of *Alan*, ancestor (as it is said) of the family of the *Howards*. *Regist. Sacrist. Bur. fol. 58, 59.*

*Queen Elizabeth*, on *April 10*, in her 16th year, granted concealed lands, belonging to this abbey, in the tenure of *William Prentys*; *William Hae*, and others, to *Edward Dyer*, and *Henry Cressner*. *Ibid. P. 10.*

The Church, dedicated to *St. Mary*, is a very regular pile, having a body, a north and south isle, and a chancel; the nave, or body is thatched, the isles, and a south porch covered with lead; in the steeple, which is foursquare, are 5 bells.

In the east window of the south isle, are *azure*, three cinquefoils, or, *Lord Bardolf's* arms; *gules*, six escallops, *argent*, *Lord Scaler*, and *gules*, a cross ingrailed, *argent*, *Inglethorp*.

This east part is divided from the other part, by an oaken screen, and was an old chapel; here is a stately altar monument of marble and alabaster, whereon lie the effigies of a man in armour, and his lady in alabaster, resting their heads on cushions, with their hands in a supplicant posture; below them is the pourtraiture of a little girl, with her hands conjoined, and by her, a boy in swaddling cloaths; on one side of them is *Kervill's* arms, *gules*, a chevron, or, between three leopards faces, *argent*, impaling *azure*, a fess indented, in chief, two lions, or, *Plowden*;—on the other side *Kervill* impaling *Lovell*, of *Barton*.—On the west end *Kervill* impaling *sable*, three bars, *sable*, over all, a bend *ermin*, *Fincham*; and *Kervill* impaling *sable*, three covered cups, *argent*, *Boteler*, or *Butler*.—At the east end *Kervill*, and *Plowden* in single shields.\* On this stand 4 marble pilasters of the *Corinthian* order, with their capitals gilt with gold, supporting an entablature of the same; on the summit is a goat passant, *sable*, attired or; the crest of *Kervill*, and his arms as above.

On a black marble wall-piece this inscription:

*Hic deponitur corpus Henrici Kervill, equitis aurati, filij et heredis Henrici Kervill Armig. de Winesfreda conjugis sue Antonij Thorold militis, filij procreati; uxorem duxit Mariam, Francisci Plowden, Armig. gnatam, e qua prolem binam, sed in cunabulis extinctam suscepit, Gervasium scilicet et Mariam; sororem habuit unicam, Annam Rob. Thorold, Armig. nuptam, sine exitu defunctam, 26 Junij, 1624, obiit, et in illo antiqui sui stemmatis Kervillorum nomen, Quam reliquit conjux viua, eum sequuta est, consors morte Martij 6to eodem anno.*

In the lowest window of this south isle is the triangular emblem of the Trinity; in the next, *sable*, a fess dancette, between three mullets pierced, *argent*, *Wessham*, and *azure*, or *argent*, two chevrons, *sable*, *Dalling*.—In the 3d window, *azure*, three cinquefoils, *argent*, *Fitton*,—and in the fourth, *gules*, a fess between six lions, *argent*, *Thorp*; and *gules*, a bend between six cross crosslets, fitched, *argent*, *Howard*.

In the west window, *argent*, a lion rampant, *sable*, crowned or, on his shoulder, a lion, *argent*, *Morley*.

On a marble stone lying near the east end of this isle;

\* Also *Kervill* impaling *ermine*, a *sable*, three goats, salient *argent*, *Thompson*, *gules*, *Redingfield*; and *rod*.

Here lye the bodies of Grace and Katherine, daughters of Hatton Berners, Esq; and Bridget his wife, the only sister of Sir Symon Leach, of Devonshire, Kt. of the Bath; Grace dyed the 16th of July 1682, aged above 4 years, the other the 10th of November 1680, aged 4 months.—Also the bodies of William and Mary the son and daughter of William Berners, Esq; he dyed 15th of April 1718, aged 4 months; she the 1st of April 1719, aged 4 months.

Adjoining lies a small marble stone, with an heart (in the centre) of brass, and round it 4 labels, or pieces of brass, each in form of a crescent, thus inscribed.—

*Orate p. a'ia Dñj Robertj—Kervile Militis de Wigenhale—Filij Edmundi Kervile de—Wygenhale, cujus cor hic humatur.*

At the lower end of the nave are several grave-stones, in memory of the Harwicks;—viz. of Sarah, daughter of Thomas Harwick, and Ann, who dyed 29th of May 1700.—Of Mary, daughter of Richard Harwick, Gent. and Etheldreda his wife who dyed May 9, 1702, aged 7 months.—Of Richard Harwick, Gent. who dyed April 8, 1691, aged 72.—Of Etheldreda, wife of Richard Harwick, Gent. who dyed December 31, 1694, aged 57.

In this nave stands a stately brass eagle, with its pedestal supported by three lions, with this inscription;

*Orate p. aia Fratris Roberti Barnard Guardianj de Walsingham, A°. Dñj. 1518.*

Also a gravestone,

*In memory of William Robinson, who dyed December 4, 1665, aged 55.*

The seats here and in both the isles are of oak, and carved with the figures of saints, &c. and on the upper seat, on the south side, are the arms of Kervile, and Butler.

The windows over the arches of this nave have been curiously painted. In that over the 5th arch, on the south side, is the salutation of the blessed Virgin; in the upper window over the fifth arch, on the north side, is the figure of our Saviour, &c.; in the pannels below, the arms of Kervile, and Kervile impaling Lovel. In that over the fourth arch, St. Simon, under him Kervile impaling Butler.—St. Jude, under him Kervile alone. St. Matthias, under him Kervile impaling Fincham.—In that over the 3d arch St. Philip, under him Kervile, impaling sable, two piles, argent, Pyke.—St. Bartholomew, and under him Kervile, alone.—St. Matthew, under him Kervile, impaling, azure an eagle displayed, or, Shouldham, quartering gules, a chief ermin, Narburgh.

In the 3d window, under Saint John, Kervile impaling argent, a fess between six ogresses, in a bordure, ingrailed, sable, Deane.—St. Thomas, under him, Kervile, alone, and St. James the Great.—Over the 1st and lowest arch of this north isle, St. Peter, and St. Andrew.

It is to be observed that there were in these 4 lowest windows, the figures of the twelve Apostles, 3 in each window; those abovementioned are what remained when I viewed the church in 1730; as some of these are broken and lost through time, &c. so are also several

impalements of the *Kerviles*, which shewed the matches, or marriages, of the family: in an ancient MS. I perceive there were also these following.

*Kervile*, impaling barry of six, *or*, and *azure*, a canton *ermine*. *Gawsell*.—*Kervile* impaling *Haultoft*, *sable*, four lozenges, *ermine*, in a bordure, ingrailed, *argent*, *Kervile* impaling *Buresley*.

The east part of the north isle was also a chapel, and is divided from the rest by a screen: in the east window, are the arms of *Howard*, also *gules*, a saltier ingrailed *argent*, *Kerdeston*, as I take it; and in the west window of the said isle, *or*, three barrulets, *sable*,<sup>a</sup> over all a lion rampant, *gules*; and *sable* on a bend *argent*, three lis of the first.

In the chancel east window is *gules*, a fess between six cross crosslets, *or*, *Beauchamp*; and on a canton, a maunch, *gules*, the arms of *Tony*, and anciently *sable*, a chevron, *ermine*, between three cross crosslets botony fitchè, and the Lord *Scales*.

On a marble grave-stone in the chancel, with the arms of *Barners*, quarterly, *vert* and *or*, impaling *ermine*, on a chief indented *gules*, 3 ducal coronets, *or*, *Leach*.

*Here lyeth the body of Hatton Barners, Esq; who dyed November 23, 1713, aged 73.*

Another with the arms of *Barners*,

*In memory of Simon, first son of Hatton Barners, Esq; who dyed 1693, aged 18, and Bridget, his wife.*

Also one for

*Bridget wife of Hatton Barners, only sister, to Sir Simon Leach, of Devonshire, knight of the Bath, she died January 15, 1705.*

One

*In memory of William Barners, Esq. who dyed June 9, 1727, aged 55 years, and of Jane his wife, who dyed April 10, 1725, aged 41: with the arms of Barners, impaling three lions passant, 2 and 1. Another with the arms of Barners, for*

*Gregory Barners, Esq. who dyed February 14, 1715, aged 34 years.*

In this church were also the arms of the see of *Ely*.—The *East-Angles*, or of *Bury* abbey; and *azure*, a fess between two chevrons, *argent*, *Tendring*.

*Humphrey Kervile*, of this town, by his will dated October 6, 1540, was here buried.

The vicarage is valued in the King's books at 12*l.* 10*s.* the King is patron. The ancient valor of it was 7 marks; *Peter-pence* 1*d.*

The church was appropriated to the priory of *Westacre*, in *Norfolk*, given to it by the Lord *Bardolf*, (as I conceive,) or by *Ralph de Tomy*, founder of that monastery.

The rectory was valued at 12 marks.

On the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and Queen *Elizabeth* in her second year, July 2, granted this rectory to *John Harrington*, and *George Burden*.

<sup>a</sup> Rather barry, *or* and *sable*, of &c.

Here were lands belonging to St. Stephen's college, in *Westminster*, valued at 3*l.* per ann. which were granted in the 8d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, to Sir *John Perrot*,—p. 2, in the tenure of *Thomas Jackson*.

## VICARS.

1316, *Walter de Wolpet*, instituted vicar, presented by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.

1322, *John de Rysing*. Ditto.

1349, *William de Orwick*. Ditto.

*William Carpenter*.

1358, *Steph. Atte Crouch*, of *Marham*, (exchanged for St. *Matthew* at *Norwich*). Ditto.

1366, *John Wayte*, (exchanged for St. *Matthew* at *Norwich*). Ditto.

1377, *William de Enemeth*. Ditto.

1383, *John Borstede*, by the prior, &c. of *Westacre*.

1393, *Thomas Wright*, by &c.

*Thomas de Gedney*.

1413, *Roger Philpot*, by, &c.; he was chaplain of the free chapel of St. *Rodegund*, in St. *Paul's*, *London*, and exchanged with *Gedney*, by ditto.

1418, *Constantine Fitz Ralph*, (exchanged for *Sculton*). Ditto.

1419, Mr. *John Verjaunt*. Ditto.

1422, *Edmund Bungay*. Ditto.

*Richard Proo*.

1435, *John Elwyn*, (exchanged for *Estbrig* in *Kent*.) Ditto.

1453, *Edmund Romney*. Ditto.

1467, *Sim. Stone*. Ditto.

1491, *Henry Brigges*. Ditto.

1507, *Robert Borough*. Ditto.

1509, *Robert Johnson*, Bishop of *Norwich*, by lapse.

1515, *William Lacie*, by the prior, &c.

1541, *Nicholas Thirkle*, (by *James Daniel*, assignee of the prior, &c.) prebend of *Norwich*, and was a married priest.

1545, *Peter Becke*, by *Mary* Dutches of *Richmond* and *Somerset*;

1554, *Gavin Stock*. Ditto.

1566, *Edward Wilkinson*, by the Crown.

1577, *Thomas Somter*, by Queen *Elizabeth*.

1591, *Robert Fielden*. Ditto.

1592, *Thomas Tenaunt*. Ditto.

1599, *Richard Tomson*. Ditto.

1599, *John Criswall*. Ditto.

1635, *George Springal*, compounded for first fruits, December 1.

*Laurence Penk*, rector of *Barton All-Saints*.

1716, *Joseph Barker*, by the King, on *Park's* death.

1755, *John Devall*. Ditto.

## SADLEBOW.

Is an hamlet belonging to the parish of St. *Mary Wigenhale*. John de *Sculham*, (or *Shouldham*), Ralph, son of *Richard*, son of *Elias* de

*Wigenhale*, *William*, son of *Walter de Tinney*, and *Bartholomew de Tinney*, by deeds sana date, gave lands here to *West Derham* abbey. *John de St. Dennis* and *Cecilia* his wife, conveyed lands, here in the 5th of *Edward I.* by fine, to *Richard de Brandon* and *Agnes* his wife.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Thomas de Warblington* was found to hold one fee here, in *Clenchwarton*, *Sechee*, *West-Winch*, *Hardwick*, &c. of the honour of *Clare*; and in the 22d of *Richard II.* and 38th of *Henry VI.* the honour of *Clare* had lands here: and *John de Bristol*, in the 8th of *Edward IV.* was found to die seized of a lordship in *Sadlebourn*.

*Richard Lacy*, of this hamlet, by his will in 1509, desires to be buried in the church of *St. Mary Wigenhale*, and bequeaths 4 acres of arable land to the said church, to find wax candles to burn before the rood, every Sunday, and holyday, in time of divine service.

*Robert Apreece*, Esq. on July 7, 1662, sold his manor here to Mr. *Daniel Rawlinson*, citizen of *London*, who by his last will in 1667, left it to his eldest son, *Sir Thomas Rawlinson*, afterwards Lord Mayor of *London*, by whom it was settled in jointure, on *Mary* his wife, daughter of *Richard Tayler*, Esq. of *Chiswick*, in *Middlesex*, in 1680, and on her death, in 1724, it came to her eldest son, *Thomas*; and on his death, to his brother, *Richard Rawlinson*, LL.D. of *London*, who sold it in November 1735, to *Sir Robert Brown*, Bart. a fee farm rent of 5*l.* per ann. free from all charges, &c. being reserved out of it, and granted to the Doctor and his heirs for ever

## WIGENHALE ST. PETER'S.

As the towns of *Wigenhale* *St. Mary Magdalen*, and *St. Mary's*, with their churches, stand on the west side of the great river *Ouse*, in *Morshland*, so the towns of *St. Peter's*, and *St. German's Wigenhale*, with their churches, stand on the east side of the said river, in that part of the hundred, that is called *Freebridge citra Lynn*.

### SHOULDHAM PRIORY MANOR.

The two principal owners of this town, and at the conquest, seem to be *William de Schoies*; after that the *Giffards*, from whom the Earls of *Clare* descended, and *Hugh de Monteforti*, of whom see in *Crabhouse*, above mentioned.

In the reign of King *John*, *Jeffery Fitzpiers* Earl of *Essex*, who held large possessions of the honour of *Clare*, gave, on his foundation of *Shouldham* priory, all his lands here, with a moiety of the advowson of this church, which was appropriated to it, and *William de Wygen-*



*hale*, who held considerable lands of the said honour, aliened to the aforesaid priory 6 acres in *Wigenhale*, and many acres in several other towns.

The temporalities of this house in 1428, in land, rent, and a mill, were valued at 10*l.* 5*s.* 1*d.* *per ann.* and at the dissolution at 15*l.* 4*s.* *per ann.*; part of these lands was granted in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, to Sir *John Perrot*, to be held by the 20th part of a fee, and in the 8th of *Elizabeth*, was in the possession of *Henry Doyle*. *Perrot* had lands, and a barn, granted to him July 27, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

*Thomas de Warblington* and *Simon Fitz Richard* were found in the 8th of *Edward II.* to hold lands of the Earl of *Clare*; see in *Clench-warton* and *Islington*.

*Hugh de Montfort's* part came afterwards to the Lord *Scales*, and *Ingaldethorp*; and in the 12th of *Henry III.* it appears by a fine, that a moiety of the advowson of this church was held by *Thomas de Ingaldethorp*, and *Robert de Scales*.

In the 26th of *Edward I.* *Robert de Rungeton*, acknowledged that he ought to acquit the prior of *Shouldham*, of the service which *Robert de Scales* required of him, for the free tenement held of *Robert*, in *Wigenhale*, in pure and perpetual alms, and of 14 acres of land, with their appertenances: the family of *De Lisewiz* had also lands under the Lord *Montfort's* fee.

Sir *Robert Brown*, Bart. late lord: his manor of *St. Mary's Wigenhale* extended here, and now is in his lady.

The CHURCH of *St. Peter's* has a nave, or body, covered with tiles, a south isle covered with lead, a chancel with reed, and a square tower with one bell.

It consisted anciently of two rectories, or medietyes, each valued at 11 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 14*d.* one in the Earl of *Clare's* fee was very early appropriated to *Shouldham* priory, and a vicarage endowed, of which the prior was patron, but the Bishop of *Norwich*, for the most part presented; this on the Dissolution came to the Crown, and the vicar is presented by the Lord Chancellor, valued in the King's Books at 9*l.* and his discharged from the payment of first fruits, &c.

The other mediety in *Montfort's* fee was appropriated to *Crabhouse* priory, and no vicarage was settled, and called the mediety of *Robert* the rector, (in the 2d year of *Richard II.*) but the patronage appears to be in that house in 1310: of this moiety see in *Crabhouse* priory.

In the church windows were the arms of *Kervile* and of *Shouldham*, and in a north window *sable*, three mallets, *argent*, *Rainham*.

Here are gravestoues,

In memory of *John Hartwick. gent.* who died November 12, 1692, aged 72; and of *Edmund, son of John*, who died October 4, 1713, aged 65.

On the font two cross keys, *St. Peter's* arms.

*Spark's* chantry in this church was granted July 23, in the 4th of *Edward VI.* with all its lands and rents, &c. in the tenure of *Robert More*, to *Nicholas le Strange*; and in the 23d of *Ediz.* *Peter Perse*, cousin and heir of *Humphrey Cany*, late of this town, held part of

these lands, being son of *Thomas Perse*, son of *Margaret Perse*, sister of *John Cony*, father of *Humphrey*.

*Henry Doyle* held all the lands and tenements with 25 acres in *Wigenhale* and *South Lynn*, in the 8th of *Queen Elizabeth*, lately belonging to the monastery of *Shouldham*, which were granted to Sir *John Perrot*; ao. 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*.

## VICARS.

*Ralph* occurs rector of a moiety in Bishop *Eborard's* time, about 1130.

And *Robert*, rector, 1250, of a mediety.

1310, *Robert de Well* to a mediety by the prioress of *Crabhouse*.

1313, *William de Redlington* to a mediety, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1315, *Clement de Wicton*, vicar, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1319, *Henry de Brom*, vicar, by the Bishop.

1335, *Walter Gerard*, vicar, by the Bishop.

1349, *Roger Colman*, vicar, by the Bishop.

*Peter de Winch*, vicar.

1377, *John Stalworth*, by the Bishop.

1380, *Robert Sutton*, by the Bishop, &c.

1396, *Nicholas Essex*, by the Bishop, &c.

1401, *Robert Attehill*, by the Bishop, &c.

*John Astyn* died vicar, 1421.

1421, *Richard de Wigenhale*, by the Bishop, &c.

1423, *Edmund Blake*, by the Bishop, &c.

1431, *William Craw*, by the Bishop, &c.

1436, *Edmund Gedney*. Ditto. —

1442, *John Wastell*. Ditto.

1459, *William Ray*. Ditto.

1461, *John Garnon*. Ditto.

1461, *Henry Skendelby*. Ditto.

1463, *Gilbert Bylton*. Ditto.

1470, *Henry Lucas*. Ditto.

1485, *William Calvysbane*, by the prior, &c. of *Shouldham*.

*John Thacker*.

1503, *William Gerland*, canon of *Shouldham*, *indultu apostolico*.

1528, *Thomas Powdych*, canon of the order of *St. Augustine*, by the Bishop.

*John Moore*.

1537, *Thomas Moore*, by the King.

*John Toller*.

1554, *Thomas Johnson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1559, *Edward Williamson*, by the Queen.

1562, *Robert Binks*, by the assignees of Sir *Edward Gage*,<sup>1</sup> united to Sir *Mary Magdalen Wigenhale*.

1583, *Anthony Pygot*, by the Queen.

1585, *Roger London*.

*John Sealer*.

*Mahalal Rymes*.

1661, *Thomas Knight*, A.M.

<sup>1</sup> The Queen and Sir *Edward Gage*, patrons at this time.

1729, *Henry Robinson*, by the King.

The present impropriator is *Mr. Edwards*.

In 1428, the spiritualities of *Shouldham* were valued at 11 marks; and the portion of the other moiety, viz. of *Robert* the rector, alias *Crabhouse*, was of the same value.

## ST. GERMAN'S WIGENHALE.

**W**ILLIAM DE SCOHIES had considerable lordships in *Islington*, and in *Clenchwarton*, at the survey, that extended, as it seems, into this town, and soon after came to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*, whose son *Walter*, and his Countess, gave to the monks of the church of *Norwich*, serving God at *Lenn*,<sup>4</sup> the church of *St. German's* of *Wigenhale*, together with a certain payment of 5s. *per ann.* which their chaplains received out of the same; to which deed, *sans* date, made in the presence and assent of *William* (*Turbus*, as I take it) Bishop of *Norwich*, *Richard* and *Adam*, chaplains to *Walter* and his Countess, *Jeffrey*, son of *William*, *Philip de Gerardeville*, *Gerard de Redham*, *William de Archdeacon*, *William de Hastings*, *Peter Constable*, &c. are witnesses; and *William* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed the said grant, together with two parts the tithe of *North Rungton* and *Middleton*, belonging all to the demean of the fee of the said *Walter*.

*William*, son of *Robert de Sculham*, quitclaimed to *Simon*, prior of *Norwich*, for 100s. all his right in the advowson of the said church; witnesses, *Sir Richard*, son of *Peter de Wigenhale*, *Sir Ralph Berry*, *Sir Walter*, son of *John de Wigenhale*, *sans* date.

On the death of Earl *Walter* this lordship came to *Rohesia*, his daughter or sister, who being married to *Richard Fitz-Gilbert* Earl of *Brion*, &c. in *Normandy*, ancestor to the Earls of *Clare*, they became lords of this fee.

### FITTON'S MANOR.

The ancient family of *Fitton* were very early enfeoffed herein. *Sir Alan de Fitton* or *Philton*, *Elias de Fitton*, *Adam de Fitton*, clerk, and *Walter de Phiton*, &c. were witnesses to a deed, *sans* date, of *Hugh de Ross*, of lands in *Tydd St. Mary*, in *Lincolnshire*.

In the 53th of *Henry III.* *Robert de Fytton* purchased by fine of *William de Hevyngham* and *Gratiuna* his wife, and her heirs, 36 acres of land, and 32 pence rent, *per ann.* in *Wigenhale*.

About this time lived *Sir Edmund de Fitton*, lord of this manor of *Fitton's*, who had a daughter *Alice*, married to *Sir William Howard*, and a son, *John de Fitton*, who was one the justices appointed to take

<sup>4</sup> Regist. 5 Eccles. Cathed. Norw. fol. 50.

care of the preservation of the lands in *Marshland* from being overflowed, in the 15th of *Edward I.*

*John de Fitton*, and *Margery* his wife, in the 6th of *Edward II.* settled on themselves in tail, by fine, 20 messuages, a mill, 394 acres of land, 83 of meadow, 41 of pasture, 60 of heath, 120 of marsh, 60 of moor, and the rent of 11*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* with 5 quarters of salt in *Wigenhale*, *Tilney*, *Islington*, &c. and in the 17th of the said King, by a fine levied between *John de Fitton*, and *Amicia* his wife; and *Ralph de Edynesthorp*, vicar of *St. German's*, 13 messuages, a mill, 250 acres of land, 62 of meadow, 24 of pasture, 60 of heath, and 6 marks *per ann.* rent were settled on *John* and *Amicia* his wife, in tail, in *Wigenhale*, *Islington*, &c. remainder to *Thomas*, first son, and after to *John*, 2d son of *John de Tilney*.

*John de Fitton*, styled *Sir John* in some writings, dying without issue, *Thomas de Tilney*, son of *John de Tilney*, by a sister of *John de Fitton*, succeeded in the estate abovementioned, settled on him.

In the first of *Edward III.* *Sir Thomas Tilney*, on *April 12*, had license of mortmain to settle 8*l.* *per ann.* out of 80 acres of his land in *Wigenhale*, *Clenchwarton* &c. and to give and assign it to the prior of *Norwich*, to find two secular chaplains, the one to serve at the altar of *St. Thomas the Martyr*, in the church of *St. German's*, and the other in the chapel of *St. James* in the manor of *Fitton*, and to pray for the souls of *Robert de Fitton*, and *Alice* his wife, *Sir John de Fitton* and *Margery* and *Amiciu* his wives; *Hervey de Saham*, *William de Saham*, *Godfrey*, son of *Berewenne*, and *Catherine* his wife, *William de Sculham*, and *Beatrix* his wife, and the soul of the said *Sir Thomas Tilney*, when he departs this life, and the souls of his ancestors and benefactors for ever.

And accordingly lands were settled by a deed of the said *Sir Thomas*, dated at *Wigenhale*, on *Monday* after the feast of the Invention of the holy cross, in the first of the aforesaid King, which he had of the grant, &c. of *Sir John de Fitton*.

In another deed, dated *May 12*, 1327, it is expressed that these two, who were to officiate, were to be secular priests, and to serve at the altar of *St. Thomas* in the church of *St. German's*.

Afterwards *Tilney's* part and right in this manor was in the family of *Braunch*, and *Catherine*, Lady *Braunch*, widow of *Sir John Braunch*, gave by her will, dated at *Castre Holy Trinity*, on *Sunday* after the feast of *St. Peter ad vincula*, 1420, gives her manor here to her son *William*, with an injunction that it should descend to the heirs males of the family, and never be sold. *Sir Philip* was his eldest son; and to *John* her son, she gave the manor of *Stodey* in *Holt* hundred, and her body to be buried in the chantry of *St. Thomas* in this church, and to the repair of it 40*s.* Proved *September 5*, 1420; and *William Braunch*, Esq. of *Spilsby* in *Lincolnshire*, appointed *Richard Tupland* to be incumbent of the said chantry, by his deed, dated *June 5*, 1460, on the death of *Henry Wigan*, the last incumbent.

In the 2d of *Edward VI.* *John Kervile* is said to hold the manor of *Braunch's*, of *Tyndale*, by knight's service. *Thomas Kervile* was lord in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, and *Henry* was then found to be his son and heir.

The manor of *Fitton's* is now in the corporation of *Lynn*.

Part of the manor of *Fitton's* in this town came to *Sir William*

the great bank of *Wigenhale*, east, and butting on the lands of *William Howard*, &c.\*

To this deed, *Sir William de Pakenham*, *Richard Weyland*, *Adam de Hakebeche*, *Roger de Colvil*, junior, *Philip de la Fen*, *John Fitz-Walter*, Knights, *John de Fitton*, *William Howard*, *Daniel de Breccles*, *Robert de Norwold*, &c. were witnesses. This was before his being knighted, which was in or about 1278. Being bred to the law, he became highly eminent, was retained by several persons of dignity, by societies and corporations, from whom he had a settled annual pension.

His chief place of residence was at *East Winch*, by *Lynn*, of which town he was lord : it is manifest he lived there from the 13th of *Edward I.* to the 34th of that King ; in those years several presents were sent to him and his lady, from the corporation, for his good services to them, as appears from the Chamberlain's accounts of that town, extant at this day on rolls of parchment, and stand thus :

*Item, in uno carcos. bovis misso Dñe. Alicie Howard, usq; Wynch 11s.* that is, for a carcase of an ox, and sending it to the Lady *Alicie Howard*, at *Wynch*, 6s.—*Item, in vino p. duas vices miss. Dño. Will<sup>o</sup>. Howard, cum duob; carcos. vitul. et uno scuto apri xiiis.*—that is, for wine sent twice to *Sir William Howard*, with 2 calves, and a collar, or shield of brawn, 13s.—*Item, in duob; salmon. miss. Dño. Will<sup>o</sup>. Howard vigil Pasche xis.*—that is, for 2 salmon sent to *Sir William Howard* on the vigil of *Easter* xis.—By this it appears that he was a knight in the year 1285, and some say he was made judge of the Common Pleas in 1280.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *Richard de Brandon* and *Agnes* his wife conveyed lands in *Wygenhale* to him, by fine. In the 18th of that King, he purchased lands, and a mill in *Wigenhale*, and lands in *Clenchwarton*, by fine, of *John*, son of *Richard de Wiggehale*, also lands in *Tilney* of *William de Rugham*, and is then called *William Howard* of *Wigenhale*, and in the 21st of that King, he gave to the abbey of *West Derham* 22 acres of moor, and 28 of marsh, in *Tyrington* and *Tilney*, and being constituted one of the justices of the Common Pleas, in the 26th (1297) of *Edward I.* took his oath, and some say he was then made chief justice of the King's Bench.

In the 27th of the said King he purchased lands by fine of *James*, son of *Thomas de Wigenhale*, and in the 31st the abbot of *Bury* confirmed to him lands, called *Abbots-Dale*, for life ;—witnesses, *John de Fitton*, *John de Hakebech*, *John de Reynham*, *Robert de Rungeton*, *William de la Fenne*, &c. and purchased lands of *Robert Curson*, by fine, in *Tyrington*, *Tilney* and *Walpole*, in the 33d of the said King ; in which year he was made one of the justices of *Trail Baston*, to enquire after intruders on other men's lands, and malefactors, who committed murders, burnings, robberies, or other damages in houses, woods, parks, &c. the receivers and abettors of them. He was also at this time one of the King's council, and gave advice that if the King should prefer the Bishop of *Byblis*, whom the Pope had provided for, by his bull, to be prior of *Goldingham* in *Scotland*, that would be a derogation to the King's crown and dignity, and therefore not grantable ; whereupon the King sent a letter of refusal to the Pope in the said year : the justices of *Traylbaston*, in commission

\* Lib. Nig. Abb. Bur. fol. 47.

with him, were *John Botetourt*, *Nicholas Frembaud*, and *Roger Harewedon*, for the Countess of Gloucester, Northampton, Oxon, Berks, Bedford, Bucks, Essex, Hertford, Rutland, Cambridge, and Huntingdon.

He was summoned, with other judges, (by writ dated January 8, in the 1st of *Edward II.*) who were of the King's counsel, to attend at the coronation, to be solemnized at *Westminster*, on the Sunday next after the feast of *St. Valentine*, and died, as is said, in the following year. It is highly probable that he was buried in the chapel of *St. Mary*, on the south side of the chancel of *East Winch* church, which chapel, I am inclined to think, was built by him, being lord of this manor, and residing there, as I have shown; several also of his successors lived there, and was buried there, whose grave-stones, about 2 centuries past, were to be seen; and *Sir Robert Howard*, his great-grandson, lived and died there in 1388, also buried in this chapel, and had a tomb erected over him, as may be seen in *Weaver*.\*

*Sir William* married 2 wives; *Alice*, the first, was the daughter of *Sir Robert Ufford*, afterwards Earl of *Suffolk*, by whom he left no issue; his second wife was *Alice*, daughter of *Sir Edmund Fitton* of *Wigenhale St. German's*, who bore *azure*, three cinquefoils, *argent*, the arms of the Lords *Bardolph*, under whom he held lands, the colours only varied, by whom he had *Sir John Howard*, his son and heir; she survived him, and was living in 1310.

*John* was of age before his father's death, and married in the 2d of *Edward II.* *Joan*, daughter of *Richard de Cornwall* and *Joan* his wife, and afterwards heir to *Richard* her brother, who bore *argent*, a lion rampant, *gules*, in a bordure engrailed *sable*, bezante, as descended from *Richard* Earl of *Cornwall*, son of King *John*, and Emperor of *Germany*. In the 15th of *Edward II.* a fine was levied between him and the lady *Joan* his wife, by which the manor of *Wigenhale* was settled on them for life, remainder to *John*, their son; was also then lord of *East Winch*, *East Walton*, and *Terrington*; and *Joan*, widow of *Richard de Cornwall*, on her daughter's marriage with *Sir John*, settled her lands in *Pentney*, *Nereford*, *Alesthorp*, *East Walton*, and the 3d part of her manor in *Tirington*, on him, and her daughter *Joan*, and their heirs.

At his death, in the 5th of *Edward III.* he was found to hold the manor of *Wigenhale*; (*St. German's* as I take it,) of the Lord *Bardolph*, paying 4d. ob. per ann. and of *Thomas de Reynham*, by 12d. per ann. and at this time the crosses in the arms of *Howard* are said to have been, botony, fitché; and their crest, out of a crown a pyramid, on the summit, a plume of feathers, as was to be seen in the chapel of *East Winch*, where this knight was buried, and had a grave-stone, with his, and his lady's pourtraictures thereon in brass.

*Sir John Howard*, his son and heir, by the lady *Joan*, writes himself in the 10th of *Edward III.* of *Wigenhale St. German's* in a grant of land, at *Seche*, to *William Duraunt* of *South Lynn*, and in the 15th of that King, this knight, with *Thomas* Lord *Bardolf*, and *Sir John de Thorp*, were appointed commissioners to array the county of *Norfolk*, and to seize all persons who should rise up in arms against the King.<sup>2</sup> In 1346, he obtained a grant for a market every Friday, and a fair every year, at his manor of *Wigenhale*, on the feast of *St. Mary Mag-*

\* Funeral Monuments; fol. 841.

<sup>2</sup> Claudius. M. 25.

*dales*, which fair is kept at this time, and the Lord *Bardolf* had the rent of 10s. 2d. *per ann.* conveyed to him by Sir *John* and *Alice* his wife, in 1348, by fine; by this lady *Alice*, (daughter and heir of Sir *Robert de Bois* of *Fersfield*, who bore *ermine*, a cross *sable*) he left Sir *Robert* his son and heir; she survived her husband, and died on *Monday* before the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin, in the 46th of *Edward III.*

Sir *Robert Howard* resided for the most part on his manor-house, at *East Winch*, and died there in 1388, and was buried according to his will, in the chapel of *St. Mary*, belonging to that church.

What I have above observed of this family are occurrences taken from authentick records and evidences, and not mentioned for the most part by any author, and serve to clear up many things relating to it in ancient days; and to Sir *William Howard*, who undoubtedly was the chief founder of it. They who are desirous of seeing more of the *Howards*, may consult *Dugdale's Baronage*, the History of the Peerage, Mr. *Blomfield's Hist. of Norfolk*, in his 3d [vi.] vol. &c.

Sir *John Howard*, grandson of Sir *Robert* abovementioned, left by *Joan* his wife, sister and heir of Sir *John Walton*, an only daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, who brought this lordship, and many others of this family, to *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, in 1428, by marriage; and on the death of *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, in 1526, it came to his three sisters and coheirs, *Elizabeth*, married to Sir *Anthony Wingfield*, *Dorothy*, to *John Nevill* Lord *Latimer*, and *Ursula*, to Sir *Edward Knightley*, who dying without issue, the Lords *Latimer*, and the *Wingfields*, had each a moiety of this manor.

*Richard Everard*, by his will dated *May 20*, 1566, gave the manor of *Fittons*, to *John Everard*, and by an inquisition taken at *Horon*, the last day of *March*, in 15th of *Elizabeth*, on the death of *John Everard*, the jury find that he died seized of it, 12 messuages, 300 acres of land, 100 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 10 of wood 100 of moor, 200 of marsh, and 40s. rent in *Wigenhale St. German's*, and *Islington*, on *December 15*, last past, without issue, and that *Henry Everard*, of *Linstead* in *Suffolk*, was his cousin and heir, all which were held of the Lord *Latimer*, and Sir *Robert Wingfield*, by fealty, and the payment of 1s. *per ann.*

In the 40th of *Elizabeth*, *Simon*, and *Edmund Green*, Gent. had a *præcipe* to surrender to *William Downing*, the manor of *Fitton's* in *Wigenhale*.

This manor was lately possessed by Sir *Robert Brown*, Bart. and is now held by his widow.

The office of water-bailiff from *Stapleswere*, to *Larks Hirne*, was granted in the 16th of *Henry VI.* to *Giles St. Loo*, and in the 26th of that King, to *John Ledred* for life. The river *Ouse*, formerly between this town and *Islington*, used to run between certain banks, distant asunder, 12 perches, but by great floods became a full mile over, as appears from a petition to King *Edward III.* in his 36th year.

In the 13th of *Elizabeth August 18*, ----- *Jenyns*, and *Ed. Forth* had a grant of the fishery in the river *Ouse*, from *Knight's Goole*, to *Stapleswere*, with the toll and profits of *German's* bridge.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. German*, was formerly a rectory valued at 24 marks, but being appropriated to the office of the

celarer in the church of *Norwich*, by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, a vicarage was settled, valued at 6 marks, Peter-pence 7d.; the vicarage was in the presentation of the priory of *Norwich*, and is now in the dean and chapter, and the great tithes were let to Sir *Robert Brown*, Bart. the present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* per ann. and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

It consists of a nave, and a south isle covered with lead, and a north isle with tiles, and a chancel.

Some time past the floor of the church was found to be at least 8 feet below the high water mark of the adjoining river *Ouse*. The tower is four-square, and there are 4 bells.

On a gravestone in the church,—

*Orate p. aia Ele Elwyn quod. uxoris Will. Elwyne—Orate p. aia Willi. Elwyn, generosi, qui obt. octavo die Apr. A<sup>o</sup>. Dni. 1508.*

On an old seat the arms of *Fincham*.

In the east window of the north isles were the arms of *Fitton*, and, *Orate p. Joh. de Philtone et Margeria, uxore ejus*: who probably built this isle, and was here buried.

In the windows of the church were also the arms of *Heydon*, of *Baconsthorp*, *Norwich* priory, Lord *Bardolf*, Lord *Scales*, *Howard*, *Ingaldesthorp*; *Fincham*, impaling argent, a chevron between three bears heads couped, sable, muzzled or, *Berry*; also gules, a cross between four lions rampant; and argent, a lion rampant, azure.

In the chancel a gravestone,

*In memory of Mrs. Martha Appleton, eldest daughter and coheir of Mr: Thomas Moor and Martha his wife, who died Oct. 10, 1653, wife of Robert Appleton, Esq; with the arms of Appleton, argent, a fess ingrailed, sable, between three apples leaved, vert, impaling Moor, sable, a swan, argent, in a bordure ingrailed, or.*

Another,

*In memory of Dorothy, daughter of Thomas Moor, and wife of—Wright, of Wainford, who dyed 1662, with the arms of Wright, sable, a chevron ingrailed, between three lis, or, on a chief, of the 2d, three spears heads, azure, impaling Moor; both their epitaphs are in doggrel verse, by their father Moor, who was so much in love with his Muse, that he made his own last will in verse.*

Here is also a gravestone,

*In memory of the said Thomas Moor, who died November 7, 1667, aged 65.—and thus inscribed—Hic situs est Thomas Moore, generosus, qui annorum satur hac vita tandem peracta, in meliorem feliciter transmigravit septimo die Novem. Ao. Dni. 1667, atatis 65.—Martha filia Roberti Appleton, Armigeri, et defuncti, nepotis monumentum hoc memoria ejus sacrum macrens posuit.*

*Floret post cineres Phœnix, post funera vivit,  
Morus, namq; mori, se sua musa vetat.*



## VICARS.

1304, *William Howard*, instituted vicar, presented by the prior, &c. of *Norwich*.

1307, *William de Shropham*. Ditto.

1309, *Alexander de Berney*. Ditto.

1314, *Ralph de Edingthorp*. Ditto.

1327, *William de Mintling*. Ditto.

1329, *Simon Trenchant*. Ditto.

1348, *John*, occurs vicar.

1350, *Lambert de Spalding*.

1354, *James de Ely*.

1374, *John de Ely*, ditto; by his last will dated in this year he gives legacies to the Lady *Isabel de Tilney*, to *Catharine Braunché*, to the repir of *Holm* church, the altar of *St. Mary* there, and for the soul of Sir *Edmund de Holm*.

1374, *William de Schetlington*.

1400, *Richard Gore*.

1402, *Vincent Rughton*.

1410, *John Tele*.

1420, *Walter Bedford*.

1425, *William Okele*.

1429, *William Flye*.

1439, *John Keddon*.

1439, *Thomas Savyn*.

1454, *John Blakemore*.

1462, *John Wolby*.

1486, *William Hardwyke*.

1532, *Christopher Clerk*.

*John Toller*, vicar.

1554, *John Sayer*, by the assignees of the prior of *Norwich*.

1555, *Andrew Tucke*, by the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

1559, *Edward Williamson*, ditto, united to *St. Peter's Wigenhale*.

1582, *Cuthbert Williamson*.

*Thomas Myars*.

1715, *Henry Herdman*, on the death of *Thomas Myars*, by the dean, &c. of *Norwich*.

1725, *Jerem. Brown*. Ditto.

1727, *William Smith*. Ditto.

*Henry Robinson*. Ditto.

1740, *George Kilner*. Ditto.

1749, *Thorogood Upwood*. Ditto.

The tenths of all the *Wigenhales*, were 37*l.*—Deducted 2*l.*

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory in *Wigenhale* were 8*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* 9*d.* and the cellarer's 2*s.*—*Walsingham* priory 1*s.*

## WOLFERTON.

**T**HIS town is not named in the book of *Domesday*, being a hamlet to the town of *Babingley*. *Peter Valoins's* manor there held by *Butler*, and that of *Eudo*, son of *Spiruwin*, by *Tateshall*: also that of *Robert Fitz Corbon* of *Sandringham*, extending into this town; so that all the lands here are accounted for, to which I refer the reader.

There is a town in *Suffolk*, seated like this, near the mouth of the river *Orwell*, and of the same name; also *Wolwich* in *Kent*, and an island in *Zeland*, called *Wolferdyke*, and *Wolfenbittel*, in *Germany*, seated by marshy grounds. *Vol*, in the *British* tongue, or *Wol*, signifies *caput*, the head, so that *Vol*, *Re*, or *Er*, (water) and *Ton*, bespeaks a town at the head of the water.

The prior of *Shouldham* had also an interest in this town: *Christiana*, daughter of *Robert Lord Fitz Walter*, (by *Gunnora*, daughter and heir of *Robert de Valoins*) who married *William de Mandeville* Earl of *Essex*, gave a little lordship to that priory.

In the 4th of *Edward I.* a fine was levied between *Benedict*, prior of *Shouldham*, and *Barth. Cutlinger*, and *Sybill* his wife, of certain lands, called *Ellyn-hill* and *Burgh*, granted to the prior; and in the 15th of *Richard II.* *Thomas*, vicar of the church of *Fincham*, aliened to the prior 28 acres of moor, called *Nort Wro*, in this township, and in the next year 38 acres of marsh were aliened to him.

On the dissolution of the priory, this was granted, May 7,  *Ao. 36* of *Henry VIII.* to *William Cobbe*, Esq. to be held by the 20th part of a fee; from the *Cobbes*, it came with *Sandringham*, to the *Hostes* and so to *Henry Cornish Henley*, Esq.

The prior of *Binham's* temporalities here, and in *Babingley*, were valued at 4s. 4d. *per ann.*

The tenths, with *Babingley* and *Sandringham*, were 14l.—Deducted 2l.

THE CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Peter*, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 6 marks and 10s. *per ann.* and paid *Peter-pence* 8d. the present valor is 12l. *per ann.* and stands charged with first fruits, &c.

## RECTORS.

1300, *John de Gislyngham*, presented by the Lady *Joan de Tatishale*.

1349, *Peter de Bures*, by *Robert de Ufford* Earl of *Suffolk*.

1349, *Simon de Dullyngham*, and in the said year *William de Lop-ham*, instituted.

1391, *John Pygot*.

1392, *John Noiioth*, alias *Ryndlesham*, by the King, guardian to the heir of *John de Clyfton*.

1395, *William Clerk*, by *Constant de Clyfton*.

- 1410, *Henry Perbroun*, by *Lady Margaret Clyfton*.  
 1424, *William Galion*. Ditto.  
 1436, *William Webbe*, by *Sir John Clyfton*.  
 1449, *Richard Courtney*, by *John Wimondham, Esq.*  
*Robert Wotton*.  
 1466, *John Hamsterley*, by *Anthony Lord Scales*.  
*John English* occurs rector in 1488.  
 1496, *John Smith*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, by lapse  
 1496, *Thomas Syer*, by *John Veer Earl of Oxford*.  
*John Kyte*.  
 1503, *Thomas White*, by *John Earl of Oxford*.  
 1515, *Thomas Holdinley*, by *Elizabeth Countess of Oxford*.  
 1542, *Peter Williamson*, by *Thomas Tendall of Hokewold*.  
 1546, *John Skelton*, by *Elizabeth Spelman*, widow, and *Osbert Mundeford*, executors of *Sir John Spelman of Narburgh, Knt.*  
 1567, *Robert Ratcliff*, by *Geff. Cobbe, Esq.*  
 1592, *Robert Boning*, by *William Cobbe, Esq.*  
 1595, *Marmad. Cholmley*, by the assignees of *William Cobb*.  
 1609, *John Blomefield*, by the King, on the minority of *Jeff. Cobb*.  
*James Scot*.  
*Amb. Roberts*, occurs rector 1639, and compounded for first fruits.  
 1673, *Thomas Stringer*, by *William Cobb, Esq.*  
 1697, *John Lewis*, by *James Hoste, Esq.*  
 1713, *John Novell*. Ditto.  
 1728, *Andrew Rogers*. Ditto.  
 1731, *Samuel Kerrish, D. D.* Ditto.  
 The lords of *Tateshale* appear to have the presentation, from whom it came to the *Cliftons*, lords also of *Babingley*, as may be there seen.  
 On November 22, 1486, the Bishop granted license to the inhabitants, to collect the alms of good people, in the city and diocese of *Norwich*, for the rebuilding their parish church, lately burnt by a sudden fire.

## SOUTH WOOTON.

AT the time of the survey, it appears that this town, and that of *North Wooton* was but one lordship and one town, called *Wdetuna*. In the time of King *Edward*, *Godwin*,<sup>a</sup> a freeman, was lord; at the survey the King, and *Godric* took care of it for him. In *Godwin's* time there were 2 carucates in demean, afterwards one, then 24 villains, afterwards 15, who held half a carucate, and 2 socmen, with 25 acres of meadow, then 20 saltpits, afterwards 14: 22 socmen also

<sup>a</sup> This was Godwin the great Earl of Kent, in King Edward's reign, father of King Harold, who with Gert his brother, &c. are in Domesday Book called freemen.

belonged to it, who held 12 acres of land and half a carucate; when he entered on it; there was one runcus, or a beast of burden, one cow, 10 swine, and 120 sheep, the same continued; it was then valued at 4*l.* per ann. at the survey at 9*l.* and paid 20*s.* fine or income: the whole was half a leuca long and broad, whoever may possess it, and pays 12*d.* gelt.<sup>3</sup>

From the Crown it came into the family of *De Albaney*, or *Albini*, Earls of *Sussex*, &c.<sup>4</sup> given by King *William II.* to *William de Albini*, the King's butler, &c. for his good services; and on the division of the estate of that family, on the death of the last Earl, *Hugh*, in the 27th of *Henry III.* became vested in *Roger Lord de Monte-Alto*, or *Montalt*, by his marriage with *Cecily*, fourth sister and coheir to that Earl, as may be seen in *Rysing*.

Under the Lords *Montalt*, it was held by the family of *Bulmer*. *John de Bulmer* was found to hold it by the service of two knights fees and an half in the reigns of *Henry III.* and *Edward I.*<sup>5</sup>

It appears by a pleading that *John de Gourney*, who was against King *Henry III.* in the barons wars, and in the battles of *Lewes* and *Evesham*, had the manor of *South Wooton*, which he deimised for 12 years to *Steph. de Balesham*, and that *John de Bulmer*, of —, seized it into the King's hands; on this the court of the King's Bench commanded the sheriff to summon a jury in his court, to enquire into the truth of the matter, and to return the inquisition into the King's Bench, *Roger de Bulmer* being bail for *John*; but it appears to have continued in the same family, *Richard de Bulmer*, son of Sir *John*, being lord, and giving land here to *John de Warren*, by deed sans date, sealed with a bull passant: there was also a family of this name in *Yorkshire*, who were parliamentary barons, and bore *gules*, billette, a lion rampant, or.

*John de Bulmer*, grandfather of *Richard*, had a grant of free warren in his manor of *Bulmer* and *Welburn*, in *Yorkshire*, April 12, in the 35th of *Henry III.* and was lord of *Wherlton*, or *Wilton*, in *Cleveland*, in *Yorkshire*. In the 21st of that King, a fine was sued between him and *Richard de Percy*, of a moiety of that manor, conveyed then to him; and Sir *John*, father of *Richard*, was also lord of *Lasinghy* and *West Cotham*, in the said county.

This *John* gave, for his own soul, and that of *Theophania* his wife,<sup>6</sup> for that of *John*, his father,<sup>7</sup> and *Alice*,<sup>8</sup> his mother, 2 combs of salt out of his new salt works here, to the priory of *Walsingham*: also to *Richard* his eldest son, and *Clementia* his wife, daughter of Sir *Gercase de Clifton*, the manor of *South Wotton* in tail;—witnesses, *Robert de Tateshale*, *William Bardolf*, *William Rusteyn*, *Ralph Byrroun*, *Ralph Fitz William*, *Marmaduc de Tweng*, *William de Roseles*, and *Robert Guer*, knights, sans date. *Theophania* styles herself, late

<sup>3</sup> Terr. Regis qua' Godricus servat. H. et Dim. de Friederbruge. Wdetuna ten. Godwin. lib. ho. T.R.E. tc. ii car. in dnio, p' et mo. i tnc. xxiiii vill. p. et mo. xv semp. dim. car. et ii soc. xxv ac. pti. tnc. xx sal. p' et mo. xiiii hic jacent xxii soc. ac. xii tre. dim. car. qu. recep. i r. et un. vac. et x porc. et cxx ov. mo. simil tnc. val. iiii lib. p' et mo. ix lib. et xx sol. de gersuma. Tota ht. dim. leug. in long. et in lat. quicu'q; ibi

teneat, et reddit xii sol. de gelto.

<sup>4</sup> See in *Rising*.

<sup>5</sup> Plita cor. Reg. Term. Michael. Ao. 49 Hen. III. Rot. 13.

<sup>6</sup> *Theophania* was one of the heiresses of *Hugo de Morewyk*.—*Esch.* 27 Ed. I.

<sup>7</sup> *Regist.* *Walsing.* fol. 120.

<sup>8</sup> *Alice* was daughter of *William Fitz-Ralph*, and had with her 19 bovates, and one carucate of land in *Yorkshire*.

wife of *John de Bulmer*, in the 21st of *Edward I.*<sup>9</sup> when she released to *John de Warren*, of *South Wotton*, and *Robert* his son, all her dower there, dated at *York*; witnesses, *Sir William* ———, *Sir Henry Fitzhugh*, *Thomas le Latimer*, *Roger de Bulmer*, *John Howard*, *Edmund de Gayton*, &c. *Clementia*, wife to *Richard*, survived him, and by her deed in the 25th of *Edward I.* gives to *Thomas*, of *South Wotton*, and *Emma* his wife, and *Richard*, their son, lands here, and in *North Wotton*.

In the 30th of *Edward I.* there was a contest between her, then the wife of *Hugh de Massingham*, and the Lord *Robert Montalt*, of whom this lordship was held; and she gave 15*l.* relief, due on the death of her husband, *Richard de Bulmer*; witness, *Sir Robert de Bilney*, Knt.

*Thomas*, son of *Richard*, of *South Wotton*, and *Emma* his wife, gave to *Richard* their son, 100*s.* rent of the tenants, formerly of *Richard de Bulmer*, in *South* and *North Wotton*;—witnesses, *Sir John de Gylham*, *Sir James de Beloaco*, Knt. *John le Botiler*, *Henry de Wyken*, *Ralph de Hawyrdyn*, and *John de Congham*, sans date.

In the 31st of *Edward I.* *Robert Lord Montalt* sold to *John de Warren* of this town, the custody, or guardianship of *Alice*, daughter and heiress of *Richard de Bulmere*, and *Clementia* his wife, for 60*l.* *Montalt* sealed with two seals hanging from a tree, in two escotheons, the first (as it is said) charged with an orle, the 2d with a lion rampant, the arms of *Montalt*, who bore azure, a lion rampant, argent.

This *Alice*, heiress of *Bulmer*, was afterwards married to *Geffrey de Warren*, son of *John de Warren*.

In the 28th of *Edward I.* *Hugh de Massingham* and *Clementia* his wife brought their action against *Ralph de Bulmer*, son of *John*, and brother of *Richard*, for her thirds in the manors of *Wherlton*, in *Cleveland*, *Thornton*, by *Rustbergh*, *Lasingby*, *East* and *West Cotham*, *Bulmer* and *Welbington*, in which she had her dower, by the will and assent of *John* aforesaid, father of *Richard*.<sup>2</sup>

This family of *Bulmer* was decended from *Bertram de Bulmer*, who, with the assent of *Aschetil* his son, gave to the monks of *Riveaux*, in *Yorkshire*, a carucate of land in *Welleburn*, in that county, in pure alms, which *Aschetil*, son of *Gospatric*, held of him;—witnesses, *William de Staingrist*, *Drogo de Harun*, *Robert de Sproxton*, *Peter de Welmund*, &c.

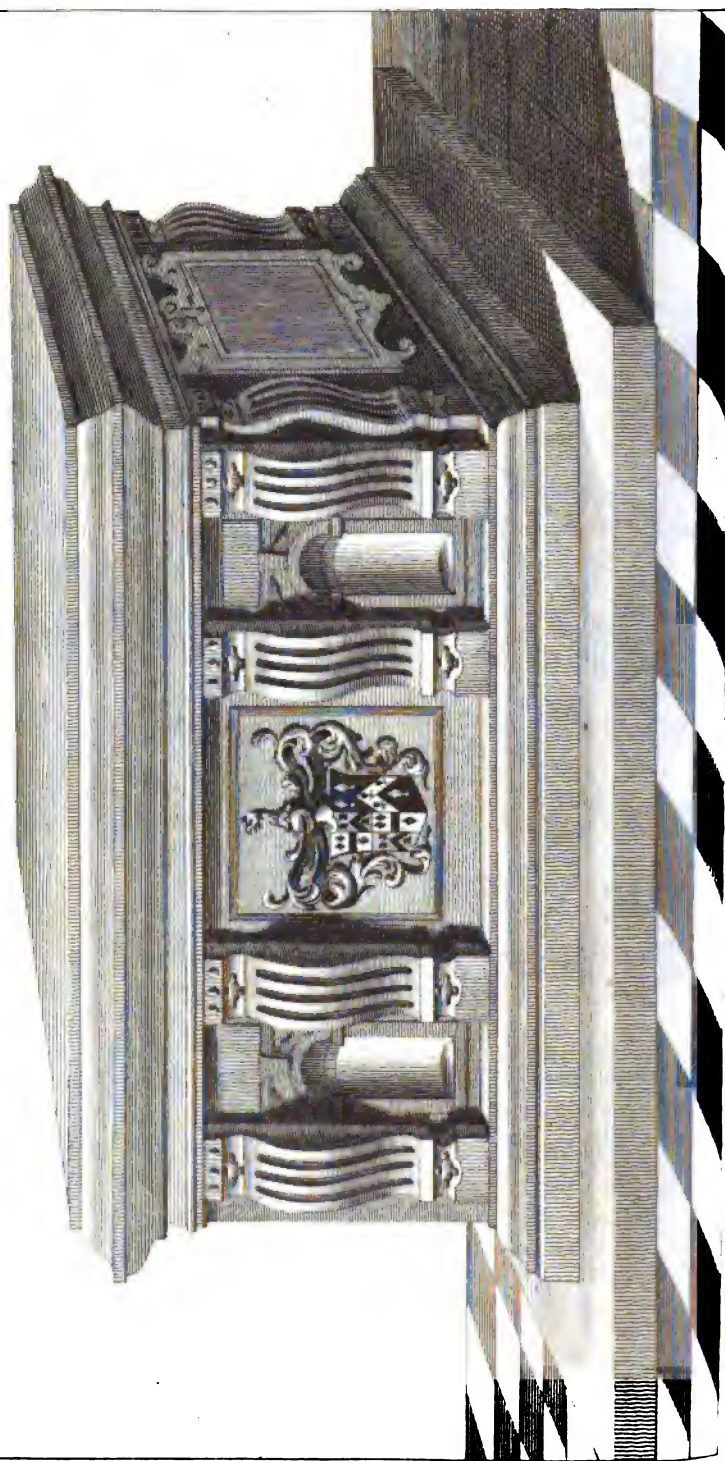
The pedigree, in some measure, after this, appears from a pleading at *York assizes* in the 21st of *Edward I.* before *Hugh de Cressingham*, &c.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Ex chartis huius manerij.

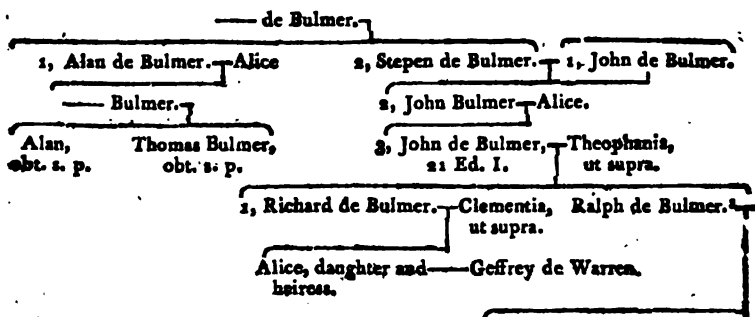
<sup>2</sup> Term. Trin. Rot. 24.

<sup>3</sup> Plita Die Sancte Trinitat. Ao. 31 Ed. I.





## BULMER'S PEDIGREE.



In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Geoffrey de Warren* was lord, and Sir *John Howard* also of this town, of which Sir *John I* shall presently treat: and the said *Geffery* occurs lord in the 16th of *Edward III.* and *Emme de Warren* held 3 fees here, &c. *£. 2d* of *Richard II.*

But in the third year of *Henry IV.* the heirs of *Geffrey* and their tenants, were found to hold a knight's fee here, of the Duke of *York*, of his castle of *Rysing*; and in the 16th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Phelip*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Thomas Staunton*, a moiety of this manor, from the heirs of *Elizabeth*, that is what land, &c. was in this town, and from this it seems to be divided; see *North Wotton*.

In the 7th year of *Henry VIII.* Sir *William Capel*, Knt. lord mayor of *London* in 1503, died seized of this lordship, held of the castle of *Rysing*; and by his last will and testament, gives this and all other his manors in *Norfolk*, for life, to *Margaret* his wife, remainder to his son and heir, Sir *Gyles*, &c.

In the 44th of Queen *Elizabeth*, it was held by *Thomas Wynde*, Gent of *Arthur Capel*, Esq. this *Thomas* had considerable possessions here in his own right; 109 acres held in fee, or *capite*; certain lands, called the abbot of *Windham's*: divers lands late *Salter's* called *Kingston's*; certain closes, a tenement and lands, called *Guybon's*, all in this town; the lordship of *Geywoode*, late *Boson's*, &c. and in the 39th of *Elizabeth* had a grant of the hundred, &c. of *Frebridge*; he had a daughter *Margaret*, married to *Henry Cromwell*, Esq. of *Upwood*, in *Huntingdonshire*, second son of Sir *Henry Cromwell*, brother to Sir *Oliver Cromwell*, of *Hinchingbrook*; his son, Sir *Robert Wynde*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Edmund Jermyn*, fifth son of Sir *Ambrose Jermyn* of *Rushbroke* in *Suffolk*, was heir to his father's lands, and had also lands in *Ashill*, and *South Pickenham*, in *Norfolk*, late *Thomas Bradbury's*, Gent. *Alpes Course* in *Swaffham Market*; &c. and *Henry* was his son and heir; but Sir *Robert* sold his lands to the Earl of *Northampton* in 3d of *Charles I.*

The last of this family was the late *William Winde*, Esq. who for many years attended on the Princess *Sophia*, mother to King *George I.* and on her death, came into *England*, and was a commissioner of the salt duties.

\* This *Ralph* had issue male, and the who dyed the 9th of October, in the 5th family ended in Sir *Richard Bulmer*, Knt. and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*.



About the year 1700, it was possessed by Mr. *Harriot*, goldsmith, in *Fleet-street*, *London*, and afterwards by his son, Dr. *Harriot*, L.L.D. and in 1762, the widow *Heriot* possessed it.

### HOWARD'S MANOR.

*Richard de Bulmer* and *Clementia* his wife enfeoffed Sir *John Howard* and the lady *Joan* his wife in certain rents here, and in the 9th of *Edward II.* Sir *John* was found, and *Geffrey de Warren*, to be lords of this town; and in the 15th of *Edward III.* Sir *John*, on his death, was found to hold of *Geffrey* aforesaid, by the service of 36s. and 9d. per ann. a messuage and one carucate of land.

In the 15th of *Edward III.* *Geff. de Warren* and *Alice* his wife, sued Lady *Joan*, late wife of Sir *John Howard*, &c. for 18 acres of land and an half, and the rent of 8 quarters of salt and an half here; and in the following year the said lady and her son *John* complained that they were disseised by the aforesaid *Geff.* &c. of a manor which *Richard de Bulmer* gave to her, &c. with the rent of 4l. per ann. issuing out of certain lands and free tenants here.

Sir *Robert Howard* and *Margaret* his wife settled this manor, with that of *Wigenhale*, &c. in the 3d of *Richard II.* for certain uses;<sup>2</sup> and in the 20th of the said King, Sir *John Howard* confirmed it to *Margaret*, late wife of Sir *Robert* to Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, *Robert de Felbrigg*, *Simon Barret*, *Michael de Beverley*, clerk, and *Robert Aylward*; witnesses, *Laurence Trussbut*, *Thomas Keroyle*, *Thomas Howard*, &c. dated at *East Winch* on the Nativity of the blessed Virgin.

In the 34th of *Henry VIII.* *William Overend* and *Catherine* his wife, conveyed to *Humphry Jurdon* 4 messuages, with land and liberty of a fold in this town and *Gaywode*, by fine, and the said *Humphry* and *Alice* his wife in the following year passed it to *John Waller*.

The tenths of the town were 3l. 13s.—Deducted 10s.

The prior of *Windham* was taxed for his temporalities at 24s. 11d. the prior of *Pentney* for his, in rent and salt, at 6s. 8d.

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*; the ancient valor was 8 marks and an half, *Peter-pence* 7d.—The present valor is 8l. 6s. 8d. and is a rectory, in the presentation of the lord of *Rysing*, chief lord of the town.

### RECTORS.

1349, *William Mundie*, instituted, presented by *Isabel* Queen of *England*.

1349, *Thomas Rouse*. Ditto.

1354, *John de Ferrers*. Ditto.

1358, *Thomas de Toucestre*. Ditto.

1360, *Thomas de Walrond*, by *Edward* Prince of *Wales*.

1361, *John de Hundeswell*.

*John Symonds*, rector.

<sup>2</sup> Plita Term. Mich.

<sup>3</sup> Fin. Div. Com. L. 1. N. 22.

1375, *William Patryk*. Ditto.

1375, *Roger Clerk*. Ditto.

1379, *William de Brokhampton*, by *John Duke of Britain*.

1389, *Thomas Walrond*, by the attorney-general of *John*, &c.

1404, *John Burton*, by *Henry Prince of Wales*.

*Henry Kydson*, occurs rector in 1581.

*Richard Gedding* compounded for first fruits in 1613.

*John Prior* compounded in 1621.

*John Thome* occurs rector 1707, died in 1725.

1725, *John Green*, rector, by the King.

1743, *John Dowsing*. Ditto.

The rector here has the probate of wills, as in *Rysing*.

In this church was the chapel of *St. Ann*, and that of *St. Mary*, in the south part of the church.

The Earl of *Suffolk* is the present patron.

## NORTH WOTTON.

**T**HIS and *South Wotton*, as I have observed, made, at the survey, one town, and belonged to one lord. King *William II.* granted it to *William de Albini*, his butler, together with *Rysing*, from which family it came by a daughter and coheir to *Roger de Montalt*, of which family *William de Mulieres* was found to hold it in the 3d of *Edward I.* afterwards the *Bulmers* held it, as in *South Wotton*, and from them it came to the *Warrens*.

In the 33d of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Cornwallis*, Esq. and *James Stanton*, Gent. remitted to *Thomas Salter*, of *North Wotton*, and *Ralph Geyton*, Gent. lands late *Constable's*; and the said *Thomas*, and *Ralph*, in the 8th of *Edward IV.* enfeoffed *John Fincham* of *Fincham*, *John Coket* of *Ampton*, in *Suffolk*, &c. of all their lands, tenements, marshes, rents, and services, with liberty of foldage.

*Edmund Church*, of *Badburgham*, in *Cambridgeshire*, confirmed to *Thomas Salter*, of *North Wotton*, *Ralph Salter*, &c. all his lands and tenements, marshes, &c. descended to him from *Thomas Stanton*, on *February 8*, in the 19th of *Edward IV.* and *Salter* confirmed to *Robert*, his son, and *Margaret*, daughter of *John Cobbe*, of *Ipswich*, his intended wife, &c. in the 18th of *Henry VII.* his messuage and lands. *Salter's* interest herein came to *John Broke*, Gent. who granted it in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, to *Edward Broke*, Gent. and he conveyed it in the 6th of that Queen, to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*.

## WINDHAM PRIORY MANOR

Took its rise from lands, &c. granted by the *Albin's* to the priory of *Windham*, who in the reign of *Edward I.* claimed free warren. In the 2d of *Edward II.* the priory purchased 36 acres of land, 3 of

meadow, 6s. rent *per ann.* and 26 acres of marsh, so that their temporalities were valued at 4l. 8s. 4d. *per ann.* in 1428; and the prior held in *Wotton*, and *Congham*, the 40th part of a fee of the Earl of *Arundel*.

*John de Forthington*, by deed sans date, granted to *Richard Noth*, lands in this town and *South Wotton*, common of pasture for 100 sheep; *Noth* gave it with, 2s. rent, to the prior.

After the Dissolution it was granted, *February* 12, in the 5th of *Elizabeth*, with the impropriate rectory, and advowson of vicarage, to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*, and afterwards to *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, and passed as in *Rysing*, to the Earls of *Berkshire*, who were lords and patrons, and now is in the Earl of *Suffolk*.

Concealed lands belonging to the said priory granted *April* 4, in the 24th of *Elizabeth*, to *Theophilus Adams*, and *James Woodshawe*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, was formerly a rectory valued at 9 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 6d. *William de Albini* Earl of *Sussex*, grandson to the founder of *Windham* priory, gave to the said monastery, the rectory of this church: *Roger de Muliers* and his wife had an interest in it, which they granted, as *Benedict de Aungerville*, also had, who confirmed it.

*Thomas de Blundevile* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it, and a vicarage was settled, valued at 40s. *per ann.*

The spiritualities of *Windham* priory were 9 marks.—The present valor of the vicarage is 10l.

### VICARS.

1300, *Jeffery de Custre*, vicar, presented by the prior, &c. of *Wymundham*.

1309, *Hugh Tracy*, Ditto.

1312, *John de Shireburne*. Ditto.

*John de Harpele*, occurs vicar, A°. 24 *Edward III.*

1354, *John Larke*, (an exchange for *Bawsey*) ditto.

1375, *John Bishop*. Ditto.

1390, *John Kyne*. Ditto.

1392, *John de Brunthorp*. Ditto.

1397, *William Hagge*. Ditto.

*John Wylford* occurs vicar in the 14th of *Henry IV.*

*Robert Chamber*, vicar, by his will in 1526, orders his executors to buy a red cope of 40s. on the back to have,

*Orate p; aſſa Rob. Chamber, quo'da' vicarij hujus ecclie, et p. quibus orare tenetur.*

Also to buy a white vestment for *Lent* season; to every priest that comes to his dyryge, the day of his burial 6d. to every clerk with surplice 2d. and to every child 1d.

*John Elmham*, S. T. P. occurs vicar in 1528.

*William Salter* occurs vicar in the 3d of *Elizabeth*.

1582, *Adam Furnese*, presented by the lord chancellor.

*Mr. Wayks*, vicar, ejected in the time of the rebellion.

Mr. *Lawrence* died rector 1662.

*John Thome.*

1725, *John Green*, on the death of the last rector, by the Lady *Diana Fielding*.

1743, *John Dowsing*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1758, *Tim. Millecham*, presented by the Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Berkshire*, a minor, with the consent of his guardians.

In this church were the gilds of *St. Thomas*, *St. Ann*, and the Virgin *Mary*, *St. Mary's*, and *St. Edmund's* altar.

*Catharine Dyron*, by her will dated in 1483, orders her executor to buy a jewell for this church, and to sell her messuage for that purpose.

*Robert Salter*, Gent. by his will dated in 1534, gives 20*l.* for copes, vestments, &c. and a pair of chalices, and the making the tabernacle of *St. Anne*, in the said church, 10*l.* to the poor on his burial day and the 7th day following, and 10*l.* on the 30th day following.

## NORTH GREENHOW HUNDRED.

### W I G H T O N.

It appears from *Domesday Book*, that the royalty of this hundred, and the lordship of the town of *Wighton* were both in the Crown, and were possessed by King *Edward* the Confessor. The hundred takes its name from the many hills, and tumuli; and the town from its site, on a river; *Wis, Wissey, Wi*, &c. being a general name for rivers among the Britons, as *Wisbeach*, &c. called also *Guistone*, from *Guy*, or *Qui-Water*.

This manor extended into several towns, 12 carucates of land belonged to it, held by 26 villains, and 24 borderers, &c. one carucate in demean, with 10 carucates among the tenants, &c. and 19 socmen and 3 borderers, 4 carucates and 45 acres of land: it was valued at 10*l.* 6 sextaries and an half of honey, with 4*l.*s. for customary dues in King *Edward's* reign, but at the survey at 2*l.*s. paid by weight, was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 7*d.* gelt.<sup>1</sup>

King *Henry* II. as lord and patron, gave this church (by the name of *Wichetune*\*) to the cathedral church of the Holy *Trinity* of *Norwich*, for the health of his own soul, his father *Geffrey's*, and his mother *Maud's*, and his grandfather's King *Henry* I. &c. which *John*, the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the prior and convent had granted at his request to *Richard de Britt*, his clerk, for life, on his paying one mark of silver yearly, to the altar of the said church, and its repair at *Easter*;—witnesses, *Geffrey* Bishop of *Ely*, *Geffrey* my son, *Humph. de Buhun*, constable, *William*, son of *Ald. Dupifer*.

Soon after this *William de Kaion*, or *Ken*, had a grant of this lordship, to be held of the Crown by one fee: this *William* gave to the said church of *Norwich* all the right and jurisdiction which he had in

\* Soca et saca de Grenchou hundred. p'tinet ad Wistune, in manu regis quicunq; ibi teneat, et ht. rex et comes.

Terra Regis ——— Wistune. ten. Rex e xii car. tre. xxvi vill. tc. et mo. tc xxiiii bor. mo. xvii tc. et mo. i car. in dnio. tc. hou x car. et p' et mo. vii. xx por. silva, viii ac. pti. i mol. sep. i. r. mo. xx por. qu. recep. null. mo.

CLXXX. ov. tc. xviii soc. sep. xlv ac. tre. senp. iiii car. et i mol. iiii bor. tc. val. x lib. et vi sextar. mellis et dim. et xli sol. de consuetudine, mo. xxiii lib. ad pensu. et ht. i leug. in long. et i in lat. et vnd. de gelt. redd.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. 1. Eccles.—Cath. Norw. fol.

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the lands belonging to them, as lord of the hundred, and this town, and for this grant *William*, then prior, gave him 20 marks of silver, and a palfrey of 3 marks value, and to *Eustachius* his son, one mark; the said *William* was, in the 4th of King *John*, a benefactor to the priory of *Binham*, and in the 8th of *Henry III.* *William*, his son, was to pay relief for his father's land here, and at *Morden*, in *Cambridgeshire*.

In the 29th of *Henry III.* *Philip de Albiny* was lord, on a grant from that King, being forfeited by *Ken*, who is styled the *Norman*, and a rebel; and paid then 20s. for one fee here.

Prince *Edward* possessed them in the 34th of that King, when they were valued at 60*l.* per ann. but in the 41st of that reign *Jeffrey de Lysignan*, the King's half brother, had a grant of them, and the hundred was valued at 10*l.* per ann.

In the 1st of *Edward I.* it was found that *William de Ken* had sold considerable parts of the demeans; and in his 15th year, *Joan de Bernake*, widow of *Jeffrey de Lysignan*, had an interest herein, the jury then present that this lordship was of the value of 60*l.* and the hundred of 10*l.* per ann. that *Jeffrey*, son and heir of *Jeffrey Lysignan*, was under age, and in the King's custody, that his father had a grant of them, on an exchange for lands in *Ireland*, with the King, and that *John de Harcourt* and *Joan* his wife, (whom I take to be the mother of the minor) held the same as his guardians.

This *Jeffrey*, the son, died about the end of the aforesaid reign; it being found in the 1st of *Edward II.*<sup>3</sup> that he had enfeoffed *Richard de Walsingham*, of 200 acres of land, &c. on his paying 10*l.* per ann. to him, and his heirs; about this time the hundred court was held at a place called *Crundle*, (probably nigh *Warham*.) by the waterside, near to a fortification as it is said.

*Drogo de Merlaw*, nephew and heir to *Jeffrey*, gave 100*l.* relief for these, and the manor of *Paunton*, in *Leicestershire*, &c. on whose death, in the 11th of *Edward II.* they came to his two daughters and coheirs; *Joan*, the wife of *Ralph Earl of Ewe* and *Guysnes*, in *France*, aged 22, and *Margaret*, a minor.

*Robert Earl of Ewe*, and constable of *France*, taking part with *Philip de Valois*, King of *France*, forfeited them, and being taken prisoner in the 19th of *Edward III.* at *Caen*, in *Normandy*, paid 80,000 florins for his ransom.

In the following year, *Philippa Queen of England*, enjoyed them, as did Sir *Robert Knovels* in the 45th of that King; and in the next year they were granted to *John of Gaunt Duke of Lancaster*, with the manor of *Fakenham*, on June 25, and so became part of the duchy of *Lancaster*, and lodged in the Crown.

In the 6th year of King *Charles I.* they were purchased by the city of *London*, for 1262*l.* 14*s.* 3*d.* the fee farm rent to the Crown being 45*l.* 1*s.* 11*d.* q. per ann. and the trustees for the city sold it to *Humphrey Bedingfeld*, Esq. whose grandson, *Christopher Bedingfeld*, Esq. counsellor at law, died seized in 1750 leaving 3 daughters, and coheirs, and conveyed by them to the late Earl of *Leicester*.

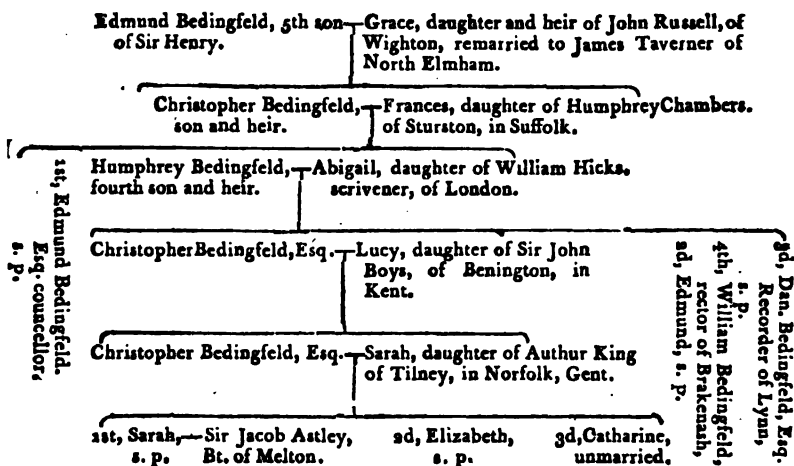
An ancient family of the *Geggs* had a considerable estate here.

*John Geggs*, son of *William*, was living here in the 10th of *Henry VI.*

<sup>3</sup> Regist. Walsingham. p. 2, and 53.

*Robert Gyggs* left two sons, *Christopher* and *John*, which last dying in 1518, left by *Agnes* his wife, *Robert*, whose daughter and heir *Anne*, married *John*, son of *Andrew Russel*, his daughter and heir *Grace*, brought by marriage the family estate to *Edmund Bedingfeld*, Esq. fifth son of *Sir Edmund Bedingfeld*, of *Ozburgh*, Knt. by *Grace* his wife, daughter of the Lord *Marny*, whose descendents may be seen in the following pedigree.

## BEDINGFELD'S PEDIGREE.



The tenths of this town were 9*l.* 9*s.* 4*d.*—Deducted 20*s.*—*Walsingham* priory temporalities 5*s.* 11*d.*

On the heath belonging to this parish, towards *Holkham*, is a fortification with a double ditch, and another towards *Walsingham*; the first is called *Crabb's* castle, and several *Roman* coins have been dug up in the field towards *Walsingham*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a large regular building, with a north and south isle, covered with lead, and a chancel, with a square tower, and 4 bells; was anciently a rectory in the gift of the Crown, and valued with the vicarage at 40 marks, given by King *Henry II.* to the priory of the cathedral church of *Norwich*,\* and appropriated by *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, on the 11th of the calends of *April*, in the 5th year of his pontificate, to the use of the cellarer, and a vicarage was settled, now valued at 11*l.* 11*s.* 8*d.* in the patronage of the dean and chapter of that church.

The registers of *Norwich* say, it was granted by King *Henry II.* and that the vicarage was taxed by Bishop *Pandolf*, and the pension of 100*s.* per ann. settled by *Thomas de Blundeville* Bishop, to the injury of the monks.

About the time of *Henry II.* *Sparhavec*, and *Bartholomew* his son,

\* Regist. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 36, and 262.

gave the 3d part of the tithes of their lands here, to the monks of *Bynham*; and in the register of *Bynham*, fol. 129, is a particular of the lands.

*Rainald* gave also 2 parts of the tithes of his lands here to the monks of *Castleacre*.<sup>3</sup>

The prior of *Walsingham* also had lands here and tithes.

In the north isle is an altar tomb, of black and white marble, with the arms, quarterly, of *Bacon*, *gules*, on a chief, *argent*, two mullets, *sable*, in the 1st and 4th; and *Quaplude*, barry of six, or and *azure*, over all a bend, *gules*, in the 2d and 3d, impaling cheque, *argent* and *gules*, on a bend engrailed, over all, *sable*, three lions passant, or.

*Elizabetha: D'nj Robt. Bacon de Egmere Baronettj, pia conjux una cum gemino fatu nuper edito, quem alterutra amplectens ulnâ secum huc tulit December 21, Ao. 1686, superstite adhuc prole natorum 4 filiarum 2.*

Here lyeth interred the body of *Edmund Bedingfeld* of *Grayes Inn*, Esq; who dyed July 12, 1653, in the 66th year of his age.

Here lyeth *Edmund Bedingfeld Esq.* fifth son of *Sir Edmund Bedingfeld*, of *Oxburgh*, in the county of *Norfolk*, Gt. who dyed June 5th, 1565.

Here also lyeth *Christopher Bedingfeld*, son and heir of the said *Edmund*, who dyed the 27th day of *December*, 1627, *ætat. suæ* 67; with the arms of *Bedingfeld*.

Here lyeth also the body of *Lucy*, late wife of *Christopher Bedingfeld* of *Wighton*, Esq; who departed this life in the 66th year of her age, on *September* 8, 1708.

Here lyeth by her husband the body of *Francis Bedingfeld*, widow, daughter of *Humphrey Chambers* of *Sturston*, in *Suffolk*, Gent. she dyed *April* 19, 1629; and *Bedingfeld* impaling *Chambers* ———, on a chevron between three ————, as many mullets, in a bordure ingrailed.

On a pillar,

*Humfredus Bedingfeld, Christophori juxta positi, quarto genitus cum Abigaele ejus conjuge lectissima, corp. depositum, vicino reliquit marmore; prudens, justus, pius, christianâ charitate, vere liberatus, qui avita hereditate vindicata si non aucta, liberis probe institutis, maritus, pater, amicus, hospes, amantissimus, munificentissimus, familiâ, famâ, et vel ipsa senectute felix, obiit 19 die mensis Octob. Ao. salutis 1677, virit annos 81.*

On another pillar a mural monument, with the arms of *Bedingfeld* impaling *Boys*, or, a griffin segreant, *sable*, on a canton of the second, a ducal coronet of the first.

In the grave of *Francis Bedingfeld*, lyeth the body of *Christopher Bedingfeld*, Esq; eldest son of *Humphrey Bedingfeld*: he married *Lucy*, the daughter of *Sir John Boys*, of *Bennington*, in the county of *Kent*, Kt. and left issue, *Elizabeth*, *Lucy*, *Christopher*, and *Abigail*: he departed this life, in the 54th year of his age, *May* 10, 1686.

*Hic jacet Margareta, filia Joh. Gouche, Generosi, et Annæ uxoris, ejus, quæ obt. 15to. die Oct. 1630.*

<sup>3</sup> Reg. *Castleacre*. fol. 60. — Reg. *Walsingham*. fol. 55.



*Here lyeth the body of Richard Woodward, of Garboldesham. Gent. who died in this parish, February 5, 1662, in the 71 year of his age.*

In the middle isle, on the stone font, are several carvings, or shields, relating to the crucifixion, and insignia of the apostles.

And a gravestone,

*In memory of Anne, daughter of Francis Jermy, the beloved wife of Matthew Dey, who dyed Jan. 23, 1652.—Also,*

*Degravat hoc saxum Katharina insensile corpus.*

*Thomæ Knollesij generoso sanguine nata.*

*Georgius hanc Walpole de Wyton, duxit ab Aylsham: born 1554, buried 1626.*

In the chancel a gravestone,

*In memory of Dorothy Jermy, late the wife of John Jermy of Wighton, Gent. deceased, from the ancient stemme of Sulyard. of Flemings-Hall, in Essex: she dyed October 29, 1651; with the arms of Jermy, argent, a lion rampant, guardant, gules, impaling argent, a chevron, gules, between three phæons sable, Sulyard.*

One,

*In memory of Mr. Richard Coppin, vicar of this parish, who deceased October 8, 1639.*

*Hic jacet Eustachius filius Henricj Bedingsfeld, Generosi, et Eliza<sup>a</sup> bethæ uxoris ejus, qui obt. decimo die Maij 1632.*

In the chancel north window, *azure*, three coronets, *or*.

In the south window *gules*, three covered cups, *argent*, *Argenton*.—In another St. *Adrew*, and his saltier—*azure*, three leopards faces, *or*, impaling *Pakenham*,—and the three Kings heads of *Coloign*.

## VICARS.

In 1281, *Peter* occurs vicar.

1326, *Adam Brithmere*, instituted, presented by the prior of *Norwich*, and convent.

1333, *William Pollard*.

1333, *William de Ely*.

1337, *Richard de Barsham*

1348, *Peter de Welles*.

1349, *John Hempton*.

*Robert Pope*.

1357, *Richard de Barsham*.

*Richard Attestone*.

1375, *John de Swynstede*.

1378, *Richard Attchethe*.

*Ralph Gunton*.

1384, *Roger Locksmyth*.

1398, *Peter Bakere*.

1399, *Thomas Fykes*.

1422, *John Attc Hyrne*.

1433, *John Kentyng.*

1434, *John Cupper.*

1463, *John Baker.*

1494, *William Byshop.*

1507, *Sim. Breton.*

1511, *John Harlow*, late canon of *Walsingham*, by *Thomas Godsaloe*, on a grant from the prior.

*Richard Loft.*

1575, *George Feek*, by *William Buckton*, on a grant from the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

1606, *Richard Coppin*, by *Ant. Money*, on a like grant.

1639, *Henry Spendlove*, by the dean and chapter.

1646, *Richard Lewthwaith.*

1661, *James Catton.*

1665, *John Stears.*

1670, *Nathaniel Wilson*, A. B.

1700, *James Pitcarn.*

1720, *Robert Nisbet*, by the dean, &c.

1739, *Thomas Scot.* Ditto.

1740, *Joseph Charles.* Ditto.

In this church were the guilds of *St. John Baptist*, *St. James*, and the *Holy Trinity*.

There was in this town a free chapel.

On the 18th of *August*, in 1322, King *Edward II.* gave to *Adam de Brome*, his clerk, certain separate tithes, which *Jeff. de Welleford*, clerk, deceased, held by the grant of King *Edward I.* and which now belonged to the King, as guardian to the heir of *Drogo de Merlaw*, and this was called the chapel of *Buttehaut*, and had a portion of 100s. out of this rectory.

*Adam* was a great favourite with *Edward II.* had the custody of his seal, as chancellor, in the liberty of the bishoprick of *Durham*, then void: of his many and great preferments see *Newcourt's Reper-* tor. vol. i. p. 628.

This seems to have been granted to the archdeacon of *Worcester*, by King *John*, on the decease of *Robert de Beaufoe*, to whom King *Henry II.* had given it.

In the 6th of *Edward III.* it was granted by the King, to his clerk, *Thomas de Eggefeld*, and in his 11th year, to *Thomas de Brambre*, on the resignation of *William de Nyes*, the last capellane, on account of the lands of the Earl of *Ewe*, then in the King's hands.

## B I N H A M.

**E**SKET, a freeman, was lord of this village, but deprived at the conquest, when it was granted to *Peter Lord Valfins*, the Conqueror's nephew.

It was found to consist of 3 carucates of land, 3 villans, 13 bor-

derers, 2 servi, &c. but at the survey there were 6 carucates in demean, a carucate and half, and 11 acres of meadow among the tenants, a mill, &c. paying 16s. There were 8 horses at the lord's hall, at the survey 5, &c. (with lands in *Wells*, &c.) valued at 20l. was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 2s. gelt.\* See in *Wells*.

*Peter*, the lord, and *Albreda* his wife, founded here, with the consent of the Conqueror, a priory of *Benedictine* monks, dedicated to St. *Mary*, as a cell to the abbey of St. *Albans*, but to be subject only, as the priory of *Lewes* was, to that of St. *Peter* of *Clugni*, in *France*, and paying only to St. *Albans* a mark of silver annually; but not finished till the beginning of the reign of King *Henry I*.

The founder endowed it with the lordship of this town, and other considerable grants of land, &c. and *Roger*, his son, confirmed what his father had given, and was himself a considerable benefactor, as were *Peter* and *Robert de Valoines*, who were buried here.

King *Henry I*. gave them a charter for a fair, for 4 days, beginning on the vigil of St. *Mary*, and a weekly mercate on *Wednesday*; and in the 2d of King *John* a fine was levied, wherein *William de Chaen*, or *Ken*, lord of *North Greenhow* hundred, and *Wighton*, grants to the prior, certain customs due to him as lord, and the prior grants that the men of *Wighton* should be free from toll in *Binham* market.

In the said reign, *Robert Lord Fitzwalter* claimed the patronage of the priory, and besieged it, in order to reinstate *Thomas*, the prior, deposed by the prior of St. *Albans*, and the King sends forces to defend it. *Pope Innocent*, in 1250, confirmed by bull the grant of the church of *Westley*, in *Cambridgeshire*, to them; and *Reginald de Bacon*, in the 46th of *Henry III*. gave a moiety of *Laringet* church; and in the 14th of *Edward II*. there were resident (as is said) a prior and 13 monks.

### PRIORS.

*Osgod* was prior in 1106.

*Ralph*, in 1174.

*Peter*, in 1195.

*Thomas*, A°. 1. of King *John*, and in 1210.

*Richard de Shelford*, in the 28th and 46th of *Henry III*.

*William*, in the 46th of *Henry III*.

*Ralph*, in 1261.

*Adam*, 1267.

*Milo*.

*Peter*

*Walter*, in 1286.

1817, *William de Somerton*, presented by *Hugh*, abbot of St. *Albans*.

1829, *Nicholas de Flamatede*, by the abbot; &c.

1837, *John de Caudewell*, by *Michael*, abbot, &c.

1880, *William Dixwell* occurs.

\* Terre Petri Valoniensis—Binneham ten. Esket. T. R. E. iiii car. tre. iiii villi sep. xiii bor. ii s. et tc. ii car. et p' et mo. vi in dno. tc. et p' houi ii car. mo i et d. xi ac. pti. tc. i mol. et xvi sol. 5.

p' tinentes ad hanc villa. xxx ac. tre tc. ii car. mo. car. et dim. li ac. pti. in aula. d'nica tc. viii equi mo. v tc. iiii an. mo. i. tci xvi p' et mo. x tc. cx. mo. d. c. ov.

1424, *Michael Cheyne.*

*William* occurs in 1430.

1436, *William Spygon*, by the abbot.

1438, *Nicholas Wellys.*

1454, *Henry Halstede.*

1461, *William Dixwell.*

1464, *John Peyton*, Decret. Dr.

1465, *William Dixwell.*

1480, *Richard Whitingdon.*

1481, *William Dixwell.*

*Thomas Sudbury* occurs 1502.

1505, *Dns. William Frevell.*

1509, *John Albon*, S. T. B.

At the dissolution here was a prior and six monks; it was valued, as *Dugd.* at 140*l.* 5*s.* 4*d.*—as *Speed*, at 160*l.* 1*s.*

The register of this priory was, in 1652, possessed by Sir *Thomas Widington*, Knt.

King *Henry VIII.* in his 33d year granted to *Thomas Paston*, Esq: the site of this priory, with the manor and rectory, lands in *Walsingham*, *Wells*, *Gunthorp*, *Berney*, *Thursford*, &c.

*Thomas* was the 5th son of Sir *William Paston* of *Paston*, afterwards a knight, and father of Sir *Edward*, who died lord in 1630: his descendant, *Edward Paston*, Esq. lord of this manor, and of *Bertingham*, &c. married *Mary*, daughter and coheir of *John Clerk*, Gent. of *Bale* in *Norfolk*, by whom he had ----- *Paston*, Esq. who sold this lordship and that of *Barningham*, in or about the year 1756, to *William Russell*, a whalebone merchant of *King's-street*, *London*.

Mr. *Samuel Buck* published a print of the ruins of this priory, and its church, great part of the west end of which church was standing then in 1738.

The CHURCH was dedicated to the *Holy Cross*, the rectory valued at 20 marks, and was appropriated to the priory. The ancient valor of the vicarage was 5 marks; the present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and paid *Peter pence* 2*s.* 1*d.*

## VICARS.

In 1310, *Alan Alam* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior of *Binham*.

1330, *Richard Languale.* Ditto.

1349, *John Archer.*

1349, *William Alen.*

1351, *Andrew Goldsmith.*

1374, *John Randolph.*

1375, *Edmund Hillot.*

1386, *John Cheney.*

1393, *Thomas Calwere.*

1400, *John Sige.*

1416, *John Cosyn.*

1471, *Richard Dene*, by the Bishop.

- 1481, *Richard Harman*.  
 1488, *William Waterman*.  
 1492, *William Becbank*.  
 1505, *Richard Weston*, by the Bishop, a lapse.  
     *Thomas Lyon*, vicar,  
 1521, *Thomas Jary*, by the prior, &c.  
 1542, *Mr. Thomas Blithe*, S. T. B. by *Thomas Paston*, Esq. gentleman of the privy chamber to the King.  
 1546, *Mr. Thomas Silverside*. Ditto.  
 1555, *William Powle*, by the Bishop.  
     *Christopher Nuttall*.  
 1592, *Ralph Same*, by *Edward Paston*, Esq.  
 1603, *Richard Baldwin*. Ditto.  
 1628, *Richard Slynny*, by *Robert Fieden*, assignee of *Sir Henry Compton*, Knt.

In 1662, *Edmund Wyth* occurs vicar.

1706, *John Wells*, curate and sequestrator.

1750, *Samuel Hemington*, vicar, presented by the King.

Here were the guilds of *St. Mary*, *Corpus Christi*, *St. John Baptist*, *St. Alban's*, *St. Thomas*, and *All-Saints*;—the lights of *St. Mary*, of *Tripudii de Westgate*, and *Tripudii de Market's hede*,<sup>7</sup> of the *Quinque Gaudia*, or 5 joys of the Blessed Virgin, and of the Holy Trinity. Thirteen acres and one rood of land were bequeathed lying at *Dallinggate*, to a house called the *Guild-Hall*, belonging to one of the afore-said guilds.

## BERNEY

IN *Domesday* book is called *Berlei*, from *Bur* or *Ber*, a hill by the water: *Turchetel* was lord of it, but on his deprivation, King *William I.* gave it to *Peter Lord Valoins*; at the survey, *William* held it under this Lord *Peter*, who who was probably ancestor of the family of *de Berney*, now baronets. It contained then 2 carucates of land, 14 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, one among the tenants, &c. 14 acres of meadow, 14 breeding mares in the wood, &c. 60 sheep, 40 goats, &c. and 17 freemen, which he claimed, with 80 acres of land delivered to him to complete the lordship. There were also 2 carucates and 6 acres of meadow, valued in all at 4*l.* was half a leuca long, and half broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt.

One of the King's servants claimed 13 of these freemen and the moiety of another, as belonging to *Ralph*, (Earl of *Norfolk*.) when he forfeited it as a rebel, appealing to any trial or judgment; and the hundred witnesses, that they held 80 acres of land, and 2 of meadow, paying to *Snaring* lordship 17*s.* 4*d.* per ann.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>7</sup> These lights were maintained by a party of dancers at those places. <sup>8</sup> Terre Petri Valoniensis—Berlei tenet Wills, qu. ten Turchetel T. R. E.

## BINHAM-PRIORY MANOR.

*Roger de Valoins*, son of Lord *Peter*, confirmed the grant of his kinsman, *Walter de Valoins*, before he was shorn a monk, of his lordship here, with land at *Thursford*, with the consent of *Rohais* his wife, to this priory, by laying on the altar a knife, and the service of the third part of a fee.<sup>9</sup>

*Bartholomew de Creek* gave all his lands of *Creek* fee, paying 6d. yearly, at *Christmas*, to the lord of *North Creek*.

*Ralph Tregoz* and *Petronel*, his wife, confirm the gift of *Walter* aforesaid, of the moiety of this town and advowson, with, soc, sac, &c. This moiety was from the right corner of the garden of the court to the park, so to *Crokeston* bounds, and from the cross before the court gate, to the bounds of *Swaneton*; the said *Petronilla*, in her widowhood, gave also 22 acres.

*Ralph* the prior had 30 acres conveyed to him *ao.* 10 *Richard I.* by *William de Hindringham*.

*John*, son of *Bernard*, and *Sibill* his wife, grant their right in the church, and lands by fine, *ao.* 6 of King *John*. *Richard de Germain* of *Berney* gives an acre near his court, and *Aveline* his daughter all her land, on a certain payment of money and barley for her life.

*John de Brinton* and *Margaret* his wife gave lands. *Babil* and *Basilie de Snoring*, their right in a mill called *Wynkenye*.

*Walter*, son of *Robert de Horkesly*, and *Alice* his wife, all their land here and in *Thursford*, on the prior's paying 10*l.* *per ann.* and the said *Walter* remitted 5*l.* of it *per ann.* afterwards. Sir *Robert de Horkesly* was son and heir of this *Walter*, and gave them 100*s.* rent here, in the 5th of *Edward I.*

*Walter de Calthorp* released 7 acres of land, and *Hamo Pye* released 19*s.* 3d. rent out of tenements here. *Hamond*, son of *William de Hindringham*, gave all his lands here.

In the 15th of *Edward I.* the jury find that the prior claimed the assise of bread and beer, and amercements of his men.

*Ralph*, prior of *Binham*, gave to *Adam de Berney*, their man, and his heirs, 50, and 67 acres of land.

An assise was brought in the 24th of *Edward I.* before *William de Ormesby*, and *Thomas de Hakeford*, justices at *Norwich*, by *Walter*, prior of *Binham*, against *Robert Burgulun*, &c. for disseising him of his right of common, in this town and *Thursford*, viz., in 1200 acres of pasture, and 300 of heath, &c. when he was found to have a right in *Thursford*, and no tenant in *Thursford* had any right in *Berney*. *Adam*, prior of *Bynham*, confirmed a fouldcourse for life, to *Henry de Berney*, and another to him and his heirs, in the 27th of *Edward I.*

ii car. tc. et p. xiiii bor. mo. xxiii sep.  
ii car. in d'no. et i car. ho'um. tc. et p.  
ii ser mo. i silva ad lx por. xiiii ac. pti.  
sep. i r. tc. xiiii eque silvatice tc. et p.  
x an'. mo. xiiii tc. xx por. mo. xxviii  
tc. lx ov. mo. c. tc. xl cap. mo. xxxviii  
mo. ii vasa apu' et xvii lib'os ho'es. lxxx  
ac. t're. hos reclamatione ex delib'atione ad  
p'ficiendum hie manerium sep. ii car. vi

ac. p'ti tc. et sep. val. iiii lib. et ht. d.  
leug. in long. et dim. in lato, et de gelto  
vid. et de isti. calumpniat i serviens  
Regis ad feud' Rad. Comit'is xiiii et dim.  
q's tenebat qu'do se forisfecit, q'cumq;  
judicia iudicatr. hoc hund. testatr. et  
tenent lxxx ac t're et ii ac. p'ti et redd.  
in Snaringa xxii sol. et iiii d.

<sup>9</sup> Reg. Bynham, fol. 49, &c.

In 1428, their temporalities here were valued at 13*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

On the dissolution of the priory this lordship was granted, *November 15*, in the 35*d.* of King *Henry VIII.* to *Thomas Paston, Esq.* *Edward Paston* was lord in 1572, and *Mary Paston*, widow of *Thomas Paston, Esq.* son and heir of *Edward Paston of Appleton*; and *Winter Berningham*, held it in jointure in 1625; she was daughter of *Sir George Brown of Shelford in Berkshire*, and remarried *Sir Henry Compton of Sussex, Knight of the Bath.*

Afterwards it was sold to the *Astleys*, and *Sir Jacob Astley, Bart.* lord and patron, presented to the vicarage in 1660, and his descendant, *Sir Edward*, is the present lord and patron.

The temporalities were 2*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* Deducted 4*s.* *Walsingham* priory temporalities, 3*s.* 6*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and was a rectory valued at 8 marks. King *Edward III.* gave license, *October 10*, in his 24*th* year, to appropriate it to the priory of *Binham*; and *William Bateman* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it, *November 14*, 1350. The convent settled it on the sacrist to find candles. On this a vicarage was appointed, when the vicar had a dwelling-house and 10 marks *per ann.* assigned him, and a pension of half a mark was reserved to the Bishop.

*Peter-pence* were 9*d.* ob. the present valor of the vicarage is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

#### VICARS, &c.

*John de Oxford*, instituted rector, presented by the prior in 1316.

In 1324, *Richard Bryan.*

1338, *John de Leche.*

1349, *John de Caldwell.*

In 1355, *John Chaloner*, instituted vicar, presented by the prior.

1357, *William Galdehere.*

1374, *Nicholas de Brysele.*

1405, *William Prowberd.*

1416, *John Pappe.*

1417, *Thomas Skynner.*

1430, *Thomas Alyston.*

1436, *Walter Bocking*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1438, *Richard Bateman.*

1457, *John Whitely.*

1473, *John Sybely.*

1480, *Thomas Lound.*

1508, *Henry Barber.*

1522, *William Birte.*

*Ralph Berthfeld.*

1542, *Robert Grene*, by *Thomas Paston, Esq.*

1554, *John Catton*, by *Edward Fitz-Garret, Esq.* and *Agnes* his wife, relict of *Sir Thomas Paston, Knt.*

1554, *Roger Williams.*

1580, *Simon Peacock.*

1611, *John Kenmion*, by *Thomas Paston, Esq.*

1627, *John Lane*, by *Henry Compton* of *Sussex*, Esq.  
*Nicholas Holman*.

1661, *Alexander Anderson*, by *Sir Jacob Astley*, Bart.

1666, *Samuel Leader*.

1699, *Clement Hutton*,

1703, *Francis Fequet*.

1712, *Robert Cubet*, by *Sir Jacob Astley*, Bart.

1713, *Richard Osborn*. Ditto.

1720, *Francis Say*, by *Sir Jacob Astley*, Bart.

1740, *Thomas Horseley*. Ditto.

1743, *William Fuller Bedford*. Ditto.

1745, *Thomas Scot*, on his resignation.

1750, *William Paske*. Ditto.

1758, *Samuel Shaw*. Ditto.

1764, *James Athill*. Ditto.

The church is a single pile, and has a square tower with three bells; it is covered with lead, and the chancel is tiled.

In the church is a gravestone for *Thomas Hastings*, gent. and *Eli- zabeth his wife*; without a date. And on another,

*Orate p. a'ra. Hen. Blower. als. Barker de Barney.*

In the chancel,

*Orate p. a'ra. Tho. Lound, nup. vicar. huj. ecclie.*

A gravestone

In memory of *Mary*, daughter of *Thomas Lound* and *Ann his wife*, who died in 1710.

*Christian*, wife of *Henry de Berney*, wills in 1403, to be buried in the chancel by the tomb of *Henry Berney*, her husband's father: she was relict of *Clement Herward*.

Here were the guilds of *Corpus Christi*, and of *St. John*.

## COCKTHORP.

IN the grand survey, it is called *Thorp*, but to distinguish it from other towns in *Norfolk* of that name, gained the additional name of *Coke* or *Cock*, setting forth its site to be near some river or water, as *Cockley-Cleve*, *Cokesford*, &c.

Part of this town, on the conquest, was held by *William Beaufoe*, Bishop of *Thetford*, in right of that see, and was possessed by Bishop *Almar*, in the time of King *Edward*, belonging to his manor of *Langham*, containing one socman and 2 borderers. Another part, consisting of 100 acres of land, and half an acre of meadow, a carucate and an half, &c. held by two freemen in King *Edward's* reign, was

<sup>a</sup> Reg. Harsyke. Norw. fol. 291.



invaded or seized on by Bishop *Beaufoe*; and *William Denvers* held it of him; valued before the conquest at 20s. at the survey at 30s.\* and *Beaufoe* held it in fee, not of the see.

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Thomas Bacon* was found to hold a quarter of a fee of *Hugh Lord Bardolf*, *Hugh* of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Bishop of the King in capite; and *Roger*, son of *Thomas Bacon*, was lord, and presented to the church of *Cockthorp* in 13--; in the said year, he conveyed by fine, before *William de Bereford*, &c. to *Richer*, son of *Ralph de Kesham*, and *Joan* his wife, this lordship for their lives, excepting the advowson of the church, and a messuage, called *Le-Parsons*, on their paying a yearly rent of a rose.

Afterwards it came to Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, by the marriage of *Isabel*, daughter of Sir *Robert*, and sister and coheir of *Bartholomew Bacon* of *Erwarton* in *Suffolk*. The said *Isabel*, dying in the 19th year of King *Henry IV.* gave by will, this lordship, with that of *Snitterly* or *Blakeney*, to her 2d son, *Richard Calthorp*, Esq. he married *Margaret*, daughter of *William*, and sister and heir of *John Irmingland*, rector of *Stivekey St. John's*, who bore, *gules*, on a fess, between six billets, *argent*, three *Cornish* choughs proper. He was buried according to his testament, dated *February 1, 1438*, and proved in the said month, before the holy cross in the church of *Cockthorp*; and his last will is dated the same day and year.

It may be proper to observe here, that at first the testament was distinct from the last will, and related to the goods and chattels of the deceased; and the will was another act or deed by itself, and related to the settlement of the lands; the testament was first made, and the will after, and sometimes in the same deed.

*Margaret*, his wife, survived him, and remarried *Robert Mekylfeld*, Esq. of *Blyford*, whom she also survived. Her will is dated *February 20, 1478*, and proved *December 12, 1480*, whereby she orders her body to be buried by that of her husband, *Richard Calthorp*, and a chaplain to pray for her soul, and her husband's in *Cockthorp* church; gives several legacies to the poor of this town, *Sitcekey*, *Bynham*, *Langham* and *Blakeney*, 20 marks.

*John Calthorp*, Esq. was their son and heir, and married *Alice*, daughter of *John Astley*, Esq. of *Melton Constable* in *Norfolk*.

His testament and last will is dated *June 6, 1503*, wherein he requires to be buried in the church of *Cockthorp*, but he was buried in the middle of the chancel of the monastery church of the *Carmes* at *Blakeney*, of which he was the principal founder.

*Alice*, his wife, survived him, and was buried by him, by whom he had *Christopher*, his son and heir, who in the 34th of *Henry VIII.* paid *ss. 4d.* for a fine and homage of one quarter of a fee in *Cockthorp*, due for one year: he was also lord of *Sturston*, in right of *Alianore* his wife, one of the daughters and heirs of *Robert Bernard*, Esq. and *Anne* his wife, daughter and heir of *Thomas Pygott*, Gent. He died in 1547, and was buried in the church of *Cockthorp*.

*James Calthorp*, Esq. his son, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Robert*

\* Terra Epi. Tedfordensis ad Episcopatu' p'tinens T.R.E. — In Torp. tenuit et i soc. et ii bor. et p'tinet ad Langham — De invasionibus ejusdem, de feudo. In Torp ii libi. ho'es. ma. tenet

Willm. Denvers eos do Wo. epo. c. ac. t're. dim. ac. p'ti. sep. i car. et dim. T.R.E. val. xx. sol. mo. xxx.

*Garnish*, of *Kenton* in *Suffolk*, Esq. he covenants *July 10, ao. 2* of *Queen Mary*, that his son *Christopher* should marry *Joan*, daughter and coheir of *Roger Rokewood* of *Euston* in *Suffolk*, Esq. and *Oliva* his wife; she brought to this family *Fishly* manor in *Norfolk*, *Ilketeshale*, *Sherlock's* in *Suffolk*, with the moiety of *Badley*.

The will of *James* is dated *August 22, 1558*, wherein he orders a new roof, and the lead of the south isle of this church to be cast anew; himself to be there buried, and the chancel to be tiled, and a new window made there, with him, his wife and their arms, set in it, and their children, and would have a scripture of *Latten* made over his mother *Alianore*, daughter of *Richard Bernard*, Esq. and widow of *William Breaux*, Esq. and was buried on the north side of the chancel, and proved at the prerogative office, *June 14, 1559*.

*Christopher* was his son and heir abovementioned, and admitted a student in *Lincoln's Inn*. *Jane* his wife survived him, and remarried *Sir Jerome Bowes* of *London*.

The inquisition after her death, is dated *July 8*, in the 3d of *King James I.* and died seized of the manors of *Euston*, *Knatshall*, *Stanton's*, &c. in *Suffolk*, leaving *James Calthorp*, Esq. her son and heir, 46 years old, who was afterwards a knight, high sheriff of *Norfolk* in the 13th of *King James*; he married *Barbara*, daughter of *Francis Bacon*, of *Heset* in *Suffolk*, Esq. and died *June 15*, in the 12th of *King James*. *Barbara* his wife survived him, and they were both buried, and had a monument in the church of *Cockthorp*.

*Christopher Calthorp*, Esq. was his son and heir, who married about the 44th of *Elizabeth*, *Maud*, daughter and coheir of *John Thurston*, of *Brome*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. and died *March 14*, in the 23d of *James I.*

On the 16th of *February*, in the 15th of *Charles I.* *Sir Robert Naunton*, master of the wards and liveries, and *Sir Benjamin Rudyerd*, Knt. surveyor thereof, granted to *James Calthorp*, son and heir of *Christopher Calthorp* deceased, livery of *Blakeney* manor, called *Holywell's Hall*, and the advowson of the church, with the chapel of *Glanford*, annexed; the manor of *Wiveton-Stafford's*, the moiety of *Netherhall*, and *Stowe* in *Stivekey*; the manor of *Cockthorp* and *Langham Parva*.<sup>2</sup>

This *James* sold to *Henry Calthorp* of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*, Esq. this lordship. *Sir Henry* was his uncle, 2d son of *Sir James Calthorp*, and an eminent lawyer, solicitor-general to *Queen Henrietta Maria*, and of her council, recorder of *London*, &c.

By an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, *September 14, 1637*, *Sir Henry* was found to die seized of this manor, those of *Aldby*, *Blakeney*, *Wyveton*, *Acle*, &c. in *Norfolk*, and that of *Ampton* in *Suffolk*, on the 1st of *August*, in the said year, leaving by *Dorothy*, daughter and coheir of *Edward Humfrey*, Gent. *James*, his son and heir, aged 11 years, who married ———, daughter of ——— *Reynolds*, sister of *Sir John Reynolds* of *Hampshire*.

This *James Calthorp* is said to have been knighted by *Oliver Cromwell*: he had 3 sons; *James*, *Christopher*, and *Reynolds*.

*James Calthorp*, Esq. was lord in 1698, and one of same name, presented to this church in 1743.

In *Cockthorp-Hall* were these arms, *Calthorp* impaling *Bacon* of *Heset*,—argent on a fess ingrailed, between 3 esutcheons, gules, as

<sup>2</sup> See in *East Barham* and in *Calthorp*.

many mullets, *or*.—*Calthorp*, quartering *Bacon*, and *Bernard*,—*argent*, two greyhounds indorsed, *sable*, collared, *or*.—*Pigot*, *argent*; 5 mullets, in bend, between 2 bendlets, *gules*, and *Rookwood*, *argent*, three chess rooks, *sable*, and *ermine*; on a fess *sable*, three crosses pattee, *argent*; crest a boar's head, *azure*.

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Peter de Ringstede* was also found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, who held of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Bishop of the King, in *capite*; *Adam de Ringsted* held the same in the 20th of *Edward III.* and *Thomas de Ringstede*, in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*Thomas de Ringstede*, by his will dated *April 20th*, 1480, orders his body to be buried at the door of the church-porch: and *Edmund* his son, by his will dated in 1483, was buried in the churchyard: he left *William*, *Thomas*, and *John*, his sons: but this fee was before this possessed by the *Calthorpes*. *Margaret Mekylfeld*, by a deed dated in 1468, granted it for a certain term of years, and conditions, to her son, *Oliver Calthorp*, after which it was to come to her eldest son, *John Calthorp*, Esq. and his heirs, and so is united with the other part.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is valued at 5*l.* paid formerly *Peter-pence* 9*d.* ob.; the cellarer of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe valued at 4*s.* being two parts of the demesns of *Waryn Atte-Heyth*, containing 71 acres and a half.

In the chancel were the arms of *Calthorp*, impaling *Astley*; also impaling *Bernard*, quartering *Pigot*. *Weaver* says, that under a fair tomb lay *Christopher Calthorp*, without any inscription.

### RECTORS.

In 1321, *Ralph Bacon* was instituted rector presented by *Roger Bacon* of *Baconsthorp*.

1338, *Robert de Thurston*, by *Sir Roger Bacon*, Knt.

1349, *John Bacoun*, by *Thomas Bacon*, of *Baconsthorp*,

1352, *William de Crossdale*.

1388, *John Crispe*, by *Richard Crispe*.

1450, *William Nicholas*, by *Sir Richard Veutre*.

1450, *Gilbert Skinner*. Ditto.

*William Kewbee*, rector in 1503.

*Sir William Brownsmith* occurs rector about 1550.

*Ralph Same* about 1600, succeeded by *William Simpson*, and held it united with *Langham Parva*.

*Robert Person*, rector in 1623.

1743, *Henry Calthorp*, presented to this and *Langham*, by *Jamez Calthorp*, Esq. on the death of *Henry Rice*.

## DALLING, OR FIELD-DALLING,

**C**ALLED *Dalinga* in the grand survey, from its site in a watery vale, or dale. At the survey it was held by the Conqueror, and was a beruite to the lordship of *Holt*. *Unspac* was lord of it in King *Edward's* reign, and deprived; it then contained eleven borderers, and 2 servi; a carucate of land, and 6 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, 2 among the tenants, 8 socmen held 24 acres of land, 4 of meadow, and a carucate, with one horse, 3 cows, &c. valued formerly at 10s. at the survey at 4*l. per ann.* it was half a leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 2s. gelt.\*

*Robert de Verlei* had also a lordship at the survey, of which *G—*, the uncle of *Ralph*, who possessed it before the conquest, was deprived; 11 freemen with one carucate of land belonged to it; *Robert* alleged that he held by an exchange of other lands at *Rochings*, and that one carucate and 3 acres of meadow belonged to it, always valued at 20s. and calls on *Robert Blund* to vouch the livery of it.†

The King's manor abovementioned was granted from the Crown to the Earls of *Warren*, of whom it was held by the family of *De Bacon*.

*Hardewin Bacon* presented *Richard de Saxlingham* to the rectory of this church, about the reign of King *Henry II.*‡ and granted two parts of the tithe of his demeans to the priory of *Castleacre*, which grant was confirmed by his grandson, *Richard Bacon*, by his deed sans date, for the health of his own soul, and his wife's and children.

The manor of *Verli*, of which *Ralph* (probably Earl of *Norfolk*, who rebelled against the Conqueror) was deprived, was held of the family of *De Dalling*: and in the 10th of King *John*, an assise was arraigned for the presentation of the church of *St. Andrew*, of *Field-Dalling*, between *Roger Bacon*, and *Philip de Dalling*.

*Thomas Bacon*, about the 30th of *Henry III.* was found to hold a quarter of a fee of *Virleys*, and *Peter* son of *Philip de Dalling* and his parceners half a fee; and in the 14th of *Edward I.* *Roger Bacon* conveyed it by fine to *Peter Rosceline*; and *Peter* son of *Philip de Dalling*, held it of *Rosceline*, and called him to warrant the advowson of this church; and in the 6th of *Edward II.* *Eustace de Dalling* aliened to the rector of this church 2 messuages and 30 acres of land.

In the 2d of *Edward III.* *Eustace*, son of *Peter de Dalling*, conveyed by fine to *Robert Gibbs* and *Emma*, his wife, 8 messuages, with lands, and the said *Robert*, and *Nicholas Parmenter* were found to

\* Terra Regis—In *Dalinga* ten. *Unspac* i car. tre. T. R. E. et e. beruita in *Holt*. xi bor. sep. ii ser. vi. ac. pti. sep. i car. in d'nio et sep. ii car. hou. viii soc. de xxiii ac. tre. iii ac. pti. sep. i car. tc. et p'. i eq. sep. iii animalia et viii por. xx ov. tc. val. x sol. mo. iii lib. et ht. dim. leug. in longo et dim. in latit. et de gelt. xrd. ob.

† Terre Rob. de Verlei—In *Dalinga* ten. G. avunculus Radulfi, T. R. E. xi lib. hoes i car. tre. mo. ten. R. de Verlei dicens qd. eam ten. p. mutuo de *Rochings* alterius tre. tc. ii car. mo. x et iii ac. pti sep. val xx sol et inde revocat Rob. Blund. liberatorem.

‡ Regist. Cast.

hold half a fee, (which *Peter de Dalling* formerly held,) in the 20th of the said reign, of the Earl *Warren*, and *John Wolterton*, also held half a fee, late *Peter de Dalling's*, and *John Storyne*, of *Winston*, a quarter of a fee of the heirs of *Robert de Verley*, which *Thomas Bacon* formerly held.

*Roger de Wolterton* presented to the church, as lord, in 1348, as did *Simon Babyngle*, in 1369; *Wilham Walsham* in 1384, and *William* in the 5th in the said year: about the end of this year, *William Walsham*, and others, aliened this rectory to the college of *St. Mary in the fields*, at *Norwich*, and *Henry*, then Bishop appropriated it on March 11, reserving to himself a pension of 40s. and of 3s. 6d. to the prior and convent of *Norwich per ann.* and on this a vicarage was settled.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the Lord *Bardolf* held it of the Earl *Warren*, and in the 5th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter* was found to die seized of it, and *John Rokewode* held it of him.

*William Sutton* and *Joan* his wife conveyed by fine, in the 2d of *Henry VII.* to *John Wyndham*, a moiety of *Field-Dalling* manor, and in the 23d of that King, the manor of *Gybbs*, in this town, was conveyed to him.

After this it was in the *Heydons*: *William Heydon*, Esq. was lord in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and Sir *Christopher Heydon* died lord of *Field Dalling*, *Wolterton*, and *Gibbs* manors, in 1579, held by lease of the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

After this *Nicholas Styleman*, Esq. held it, and so came to the *Harbords* of *Gunton*, and Sir *William Harbord*, Bart. is lord.

*Alan*, Earl of *Richmond* had, on the expulsion of a socman of King *Harold*, a small fee, one carucate of land, 6 borderers, with 2 acres of meadow, and half a carucate, valued at 7s. and *Geffrey* held it under *Alan*?

In the 34th of *Henry III.* *Thomas de Hindringham* held here, and in *Batheley*, the 4th part of a fee of the honour of *Richmond*, and *Thomas*, son of *Gilbert de Hindringham*, in the 10th of *Edward I.* the moiety of a fee; and paid castle-guard to *Richmond* 5s. per ann. his tenure being valued at 4 marks per ann.

*John Wilby* possessed it in the 3d of *Henry IV.* it was then in the King's hand on account of the minority of the Duke of *Britain*. *Edmund* Earl of *Richmond* held in capite, and died seized of it in the 35th of *Henry VI.* held by *William Wilby*; and *Thomas Wilby* died possessed of it in the 6th of *Henry VIII.* and *William* was his son, and heir; and in the 22d of that King, *John Hall* of *Halsted*, in *Lincolnshire*, was lord, and *Nicholas Mynns*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*; in her 24th year, *William Heydon*, Esq. and so was conveyed, as is above observed, and is now in Sir *William Harbord*, Bart.

In 1616, this lordship paid a rent of 5s. per ann. (*Richmond* fee) to the lord of *Swaffham*.

*Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, had a fee here, of which *Elsi* and *Lefstan*, freemen, were deprived; and R--- the sheriff, held it of *Bigot*, containing 2 carucates of land: *Bigot* claimed it, as an exchange for land that the King gave to *Isaac*: there

<sup>7</sup> Terre Alani Comitiss—In Dallinga vi bord. ii ac pti. sep. dim. car. sep. val. ten. Alan. Comes i sochem. de d. car. vii sol. ide ten. (viz. Gausfrid.) tre. et hic fuit ho. Heraldi T. R. E. sep.

was one villain, and 3 borderers, 6 soomen, who held 18 acres of land, and 7 of meadow, in the whole, 3 carucates, valued at 30s. at the survey at 40s.<sup>8</sup>

In the 35th of Edward I. William de Swillington and Joan Bonyle had an interest in part of a fee, held of Bygod.

Thomas Gibbs and Margaret his wife, conveyed lands by fine to John Cosyn, parson of Fulmodeston, and William Gibbs, in the 5d of Henry IV. held with his parceniers half a fee of the heirs of Carbonel, and Walter de Wollerston, and his parceniers half a fee, of the said heirs, and they of the Lord Mowbray.

This came to John Windham, Esq. so to the Heydons, and to the Harbords.

### MOUNTGRACE-PRIORY.

Maud de Harscove, in the reign of King Henry II. gave to the abbey of Savigny, in Normandy, a manor in this town, whereupon there came over some Cistercian monks of that place, of which this is sometimes mentioned as a cell, or priory of itself, and sometimes as parcel of Long Benington priory, in Lincolnshire.<sup>9</sup> Upon the dissolution of alien priories, it was given first to Epworth, then to the Spittle on the Street, (Lincolnshire,) after that to the Carthusians near Coventry, by King Richard II. and afterwards to the priory of Mountgrace, in Yorkshire, and as parcel of this last priory was granted in the 2d and 3d of Philip and Mary, to Martyn Hastings and James Bourn.

On April 3d, in the 12th of Elizabeth, James Bourn was found to die November 20th past, seized of this lordship, 300 acres of land, and pasture, of the rectory, and advowson of the vicarage, leaving it to his nephew James Bourn.

In the 16th of Elizabeth, Martin Hastings, by license, alienated his right to Charles Stutoyle: and in the 18th Stutoyle passed 2 parts of the capital messuage called Savigny, or Mountgrace's, to Giles Mabbs, who with John How, convey the same to Gregory Pagraoe; soon after it came to William Heydon, Esq. and so united to the lordships above.

The tenths were 6l. 7s.—Deducted 13s. 4d.—The temporalities of Walsingham priory 3s.

The Church is dedicated to St. Andrew, and is a vicarage valued at 5l. 8s. 1d. ob.

It was formerly a rectory valued at 40 marks, the priory of Castle-acre: had a portion of tithe (valued at 6s. 8d. in 1428) confirmed to them in 1265, by Simon, Bishop of Norwich; and abbey of Savigny, a portion valued at 20s. per ann. Peter-pence 2s. 1d.

The church consists of 2 isles, and a chancel, and has 3 bells.

On a grave-stone in the south isle, with a brass plate,

*Hic jacet Joh. Nicholas et Margareta uxor ejus qui dederunt crucem argenteam huic eccles. qui quid. Joh. ob. 22, Januar, 1485.*

<sup>8</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti—Dalliga ten. Aelsi et Lafstan i lib. ho. T. R. E. mo. R. Vicecom. ii car. tre. et hanc revocat i'pe Roger. p. mutuo illi terre q. rex dedit Isaac. i vill. et iii bord. vi soc. xviii ac. tre vii ac. pti. i 'toto semp. iiii car. et tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xl. sol.

<sup>9</sup> Tanner's Notit. Mon. p. 352.

## RECTORS.

*Richard de Saxlingham* was rector about the reign of *Henry II.* presented by *Hardewine Bacun.*

*William Roscelyn* occurs in rector in the 14th and 20th of *Edward I.*

*William de Dalling* in 1333.

1348, *Alexander de Wolterton*, presented by *Roger de Wolterton.*

1369, *Adam de Cringelford*, by *Simon Babingle.*

1374, *Thomas More* by *William Walsham.*

1384, *Thomas* in the *Fen*, by *William* in the *Fen.*

In the fourth year of *Richard II.* *William Walsham*, &c. aliened this rectory to the college of *St. Mary in the fields*, at *Norwich*, and *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it, on *March 11*, in the said year, reserving to himself a pension of 40s. and 3s. 6d. to the priory of *Norwich*, and a vicarage was settled.

## VICARS.

1385, *Roger Wychingham* instituted vicar, presented by the dean, &c. of that college.

1395, *John Ball.*

1422, *Robert Bolus*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the dean, &c.

1459, *John Whipp.*

1460, *William Worstede.*

1493, *Mr. William Riches*, by the dean, &c.

1508, *Edmund Fulsier.*

1522, *Thomas Webster.*

1523, *Mr Robert Horne.*

*Thomas Nicholas*, vicar.

1552, *Robert Key* by *John Bourn.*

On *May 22*, A° 37 *Henry VIII.* the rectory was granted by the King to *Dr. Miles Spencer*, the last dean of the college, who sold it to *Bourne*, with the patronage of the vicarage.

1559, *Henry Tudenham*, Ditto.

1568, *John Bucke*, by *John Bourne.*

1610, *James Pearson*, by the assignees of *Lady Anne Heydon.*

1668, *Thomas Colby*, by *Simon Britiffe*, Esq.

1679, *Edward Peartree*, by *John Harbord*, Esq.

1745, *Allen Aldhouse*, by *Robert Winn*, guardian of *John Winn.*

1748, *Joseph Lane*, by *John Winn.*

1758, *Matthew Lane*, by *Alice Winn*, a minor.

1763, *Repps Brown*, M. A. by ditto.

In the church were the guilds of *St. Mary*, and *St. John Baptist*. the Plough-light, *St. Nicholas*, and *All-Saints.*

## E G M E R E.

**T**HE principal lordship of *Edgamer* (as it is wrote in the book of *Domesday*) was in the see of *Thetford*, and held by *Ailmer*, Bishop of *Elmham*, in the time of the Confessor, when it contained 3 carucates of land, 14 villains, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 amongst the tenants, &c. 180 sheep, and 7 socmen belonged to it, with 45 acres and 2 carucates, valued then at 30s. at the survey at 45s. 4d. and one socman of *William*, the Bishop, ploughed one carucate, with 2 oxen.<sup>1</sup> *Morel* held it of this *William Beaufor*, bishop, at the survey; and it seems to take its name as being seated near some mere, or moor.

In the reign of *Henry III. Agnes de Mortimer*, was found to hold half a fee, *William de Shipeden*, half a fee, and *Godwin de Thornham*, half a quarter of one, belonging to the see of *Norwich*; and *William Athelwold* had 4 messuages, with lands conveyed by fine to him by *Thomas Hunt* and *Christian* his wife, in the 11th year of *Edward II.* This *William* was lord of a manor, and presented to a moiety of this church, in the 5th year of the said King; and in the 10th of the said King, *John de Shipedene*, of *Eggemere*, and *Catharine* his wife conveyed to him several messuages, lands, rents, and services, but in the 15th of *Edward II.* the said *William* conveyed his manor and right of advowson to *Edmund de Leech* of *Beeston*, in *Norfolk*, and *Margaret*, his wife, who regranted them to *William* for life.

*John Leche*, in 20th of *Edward III.* was found to hold half a fee of the Bishop, which *William de Shipeden* formerly held; half a fee, which *Robert de Kelling*, with half a fee, that *Goda de Thornham* formerly held; and in the 25th of that King, *John Leche*, clerk, *William*, parson of *Ingaldesthorp*, *Edmund Gurnay*, *John de Holcham*, pass it by fine to *John de Wolterton*, parson of *Harpley*, &c. who in the 27th of the said King, conveyed it, with one messuage, 240 acres of land and 5s. rent here, and in other towns, to *John de Egmere* and his heirs.

*John Corbet* had an interest herein, in the 13th of *Richard II.* and was allowed freewarren, as granted to *John Leche*, by King *Edward III.* in his 18th year, and in the 17th of *Richard III.* *William Winter* had a confirmation of it.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *John Aysbornham*, held half a fee of the Bishop, with one fee formerly *John de Leche's*; and in 1418 *William Winter*, Esq. presented to this church: soon after it seems to have been in the hands of certain trustees, who had license on *March 3*,

<sup>1</sup> Terra Epi Tedfordensis ad Episcopatu' p'tinens T. R. E. Hund de Grenehou.

Edgamera tenuit Ailmar E. p. man. et p. iii car. tre. T. R. E. mo. tenet Morel de epo. tc. xiiiij vill. mo. viii tc. ii. ser. mo. nullo. tc. ii car. in dno mo. i

tc. ii car. hom. mo. ii bov. et ii car. posset restaurari. semp. i runc. et i ac. pti. viii. porc tc. clxxx ov. mo. lxxxx et vii sac. jacent huic ville de xlv ac tc. ii car. mo. i tc. val. lxx sol. mo. xlv sol. et iiiid. et i soc. q. e in Murlai, ho Epi. Will. tc. arabat i car. mo. ii bob;



in the third year of *Henry VI.* to alien this manor of *Eggemer*, with the patronage of the church, to the prior and convent of *Walsingham*; the names of these trustees were, *Sir Simon Felbrigg*, *Sir Edmund Berry*, *John Wodehouse*, Esq. *William Paston*, &c.; it was valued at 13*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann. and paid 3*s.* 6*d.* for every fee every 30 weeks, to *Norwich* castle guard, and 10*s.* relief.<sup>2</sup>

On the dissolution of the said priory, *King Henry VIII.* on the 22d of *March*, in his 30th year, grants it to *James Bulleyn*, in exchange for the manors of *Heverreal*, and *Kensing* in *Kent*: after this it came to *Sir Thomas Gresham*, Knt, whose widow, *Lady Anne*, sold it to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper, in the reign of *Queen Elizabeth*, and his descendant, *Sir Edmund Bacon*, Bart. died lately possessed of it, and his daughter, *Mary Bacon*, held it in 1758; and presented to the church, as lady of the manor, 1761.

The *Earl Warren* had also an interest in this town, half a carucate of land held by 3 borderers, and a socman, with 12 acres, held by *Elvolt*, a freeman, in *King Edward's* time, but delivered to *Frederic*, to make up his lordships, and was valued in *Barsham*.<sup>3</sup>

*Robert Fitz Ralph* held half a fee, in the 18th of *Henry III.* of the *Earl Warren*. In the year 1300, *William Fitz John*, presented to a moiety of this church,

In the 17th of *Edward II.* *Richard de Walsingham*, held a quarter of a fee of the *Earl of Pembroke*, and in 1339, *Sir John de Leech* presented to a moiety.

*William*, son of *Richard de Walsingham*, was a minor in the 20th, and in the custody of the *Earl Warren*; and in 1385, *Sir John Plays* presented to a moiety, after this it was united (as I take it) to the fee abovementioned.

Part of this town was a beruile belonging to the *King's* manor of *Wighton*, (of which manor see there,) this part was half a carucate of land, &c. and the town was in the whole half a leuca long, and also half broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt.<sup>4</sup>

The prior of *Petreston*, in the reign of *Henry III.* was found to hold a quarter and half of a fee, of the *Bishop of Norwich*; and in the 29th of *Edward I.* this priory gave to that of *Westacre*, a messuage, and the moiety of a carucate of land, at *Rushmore*, in *Suffolk*, in exchange for a messuage, and a moiety of a carucate here; this came to the priory of *Walsingham*, when the priory of *Petreston* was united to it.

At the Dissolution it came to the Crown.

The tenths were 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Deducted 54*s.* and valued together with *Quarles*.

The Church is a rectory valued at 8*l.* and is now demolished, and the inhabitants go to the church of *Waterden*, and are there buried, &c. *Sir Nicholas Bacon* is said to have profaned it, and turned it into a barn. Here were anciently two medieties, one called the

<sup>2</sup> Regist. Wals. fol. 132.

<sup>3</sup> Tre Will. de Warrenna—Estgamera ten. Elvolt i lib. ho. T. R. E. et fuit lib' aq. Frederico p. terra ad p'ficiendu' man. sup. dim. car. tre. sep. iij bord. et i

soc. de xii ac. et e. app'tiata. in Barsa-ham.

<sup>4</sup> Terra Regis—Egemere al. beruila de dim. car. tre. et nichil e ibj aliud. s. i car. posset ee. et tot. dim. leug. long. et dim. lat. et vid. de gelto.

portion of *Richard*, valued at 5*l.* the other of *Roger*, of the said value, and paid *Peter-pence* 8*d.*

## RECTORS.

In 1299, *Roger de Snetesham* was instituted to a mediety, presented by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1300, *Richard le Zugte*, by *William Fitz John*.

1312, *John de Whytton*, by *William Athelwald*.

1339, *Ralph Dry*, by *Sir John Leche*.

1350, *John Trendel*, by *John de Wolterton*, *Roger Austin*, *Adam Worts*, and *Richard Ede*.

1354, *Robert Kilverston*, by *John Leche*, and *John Egmere*.

In 1355, September 13, the 2. medieties were consolidated by *Thomas Bishop of Norwich*.

1385, *Jeffrey Gleg*, by *Sir John Plaüs*.

1395, *Robert Atte Heme*, by *Sir William Winter*, *Sir Robert Berney*, and *Henry Lumins*.

1410, *Walter Edolf*, by *Sir Thomas Erpingham*, and *Sir Robert Berney*.

1418, *Benedict Turnour*, by *William Winter*, Esq.

1422, *John Caunceler*, by *Sir Edmund Berry*, *William Paston*, and *John Houlyn*.

1422, *John Lucas*, by ditto.

1471, *John Sherwyn*, by the prior of *Walsingham*.

1492, *John Farewell*.

1508, *Thomas Martyns*.

1519, *Richard Vowell*, prior of *Walsingham*, by the Bishop, *hac vice*, on a grant from *Walsingham* priory.

1528, *William Mason*.

1543, *Thomas Bulman*, by *George Townsend*, on a grant from the prior: *Bulman* seems to have been the last prior of *Wayborn*, in *Norfolk*, and had a pension<sup>s</sup> for life from the Crown of 4*l.* per ann.

1554, *Thomas Moker*, by the Queen.

On July 8, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, *John Elliot*, and *Alexander Chesnall* had a grant of the patronage of this church; but in 1558, *Thomas Penny* was instituted, on the presentation of *Humphrey Rant*, who pleaded a grant from the late prior; he was succeeded by,

*Cheney Astley*, and in,

1574, *Thomas Billingford*, by *Sir Thomas Gresham*.

1579, *Thomas Bostock*, by the Queen, a lapse.

1609, *Henry Mihill*, S.T.B. by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*.

1639, *Robert Mihill*, by *Sir Edmund Bacon*.

1664, *Edmund Turner*, by *Dorothy Bacon*, widow.

1670, *Henry Mazzy*, by *Franc. Rookwood*.

1677, *Nath. Wilson*, A.M. by *Robert Bacon*, Esq.

1702, *John Pinchbeck*, by *John Angier*, Esq.

1720, *William Perkins*, D.D. by *Sir Edmund Bacon*, Bart.

1722, *Samuel Rye*. Ditto.

1745, *Franc. Burton* died rector.

<sup>s</sup> The patent for this pension is dated Feb. Ao. 28 Hen. VIII.

1768, *Edward Smalldell*, by *Mrs. Mary Bacon*.

1761, *Charles Mordaunt*. Ditto.

In the 43d of *Henry III.* *William*, son of *William*, granted to *Mary* prioress of *Blackburgh*, a mark rent *per ann.* issuing out of lands, which *Richard de la Rokeley* held of him here.

*John de Eggemere* was usher of the Exchequer, in the 9th of *Edward III.*

## HINDRINGHAM.

THE capital lordship of this town belonged to the Bishop of *Elmham*; and *Ailmer* the Bishop held it with 4 carucates of land in *King Edward's* reign.

*William Beaufoe* was lord of it, and Bishop of *Thetford*, at the survey. In *Ailmer's* time 11 villain, 20 borderers, 8 servi, and 4 carucates belonged to it in demean, 5 carucates of the men, or tenants, paunage for 10 swine, a mill, 5 acres of meadow, &c. 160 sheep, 6 vessels, or skeps of bees, and 7 socmen had half a carucate of land, and they ploughed in *King Edward's* time 2 carucates; it was then valued at 10*l.* but at the survey at 15*l. per ann.* and was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 2*s.* gelt.<sup>6</sup>

Bishop *Beaufoe* had invaded, or seized on and retained as his own right, and a lay fee, 8 freemen who held 3 carucates of land, and 14 borderers who held under the said Bishop *Ailmer*, who had paunage for 10 swine, 5 acres of meadow, and 5 carucates, valued at 40*s.* after at 50*s.* and *William Denvers* had a moiety of this land.<sup>7</sup>

## DEAN AND CHAPTER OF NORWICH'S MANOR.

*Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich*, on his founding the priory of *Norwich*, gave this lordship to it, and was held by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

In the time of *King John*, *William le Ken* granted to the prior of *Norwich* a freedom from all suits, and dues, to his hundred of *North Greenhow*, (as may be seen at large in the account of that hundred,) and in the 3d of *Edward I.* the prior was found to have the lete, assise of bread and beer, freewarren, and a pillory.

<sup>6</sup> Terra Epi. Tedfordensis ad episcopatum p'tinen. T.R.E.—Hindringham tenet Ep. in d'no qd. tenuit Ailmer p. man. et p. iii car. tre. T.R.E. sep: xi vill. tc. xx bor. mo. xv tc. viii ser. mo. vii semp. iiii car. in d'no. tc. v car. hom. mo. iii tc. silva. x por. mo. viii. sep. i mol. v ac. pti. xvii porc. clx ov. vi. vasa apum et vii soc. dim. car. tre. et t.r.e. arabant ii car. mo. i tc. val. x

lib. mo. reddit xv lib. ht. i leu. in longo, et j in lat. et ii sol. de g.

<sup>7</sup> De Invasionibus ejusdem feodj.—Hindringham tan. A. Ep. T.R.E. mo. W. Ep. viii lib. hoes. iii car. tre xiiii bord. sep silva x porc. v ac. pti. tc. v car. mo. iii tc. val. xl sol. mo. reddit l sol. et dc hac terra tenet Will. Denvers dimidietatem.

About this time, mention is made of certain tenants belonging to them, called *Lanceti*, who were to have their sheep in the lord's fold, from *Martinmas* to *Candlemas*, and then to have their ewes out of the fold, and to pay foldage, but their other sheep continued in the lord's fold the whole year. A *Lancetagrass* seemed to contain 8 acres.

*John de Rudham*, by deed sans date, granted to *William de Kirkely*, the prior, 5s. rent per ann.

In the 15th of *Henry III.* *Wilham* prior of *Norwich*, granted to *Thomas de Elmham* 15 acres to be held of the prior, &c. paying 4s. 4d. per ann. and in the 6th of *Edward I.* *Thomas de Hindringham* aliened to the priory a tenement and 2 acres.

The temporalities of this priory were valued in 1421, at 30s. 3d. 10d. per ann. and this lordship is now in the Dean and Chapter of *Norwich*: and in the 1st of *Richard III.* *Henry Heydon*, Esq. gave 55 acres of land and pasture, September 23, to the prior, &c. on a release of 32s. rent due to them per ann.

### NOWER'S MANOR.

In the reign of King *John*, *William de Nuers*, *Roger de Burnham*, and *Julian* his wife, *Robert Fitz Ralph*, and *Alice* his wife, and *Robert de Utlage*, held 9 parts of 2 fees here, in *Beeston*, &c. and in the reign of *Henry III.* *Alan de Noers*, had a quarter of a fee of *Hugh Lord Bardolf*, and he of the Bishop of *Norwich*, and at the said time *William de Noers*, a quarter of a fee also.

A fine was levied in the 14th of *Edward I.* between *Robert Ruteney*, querent, and *Cecilia*, daughter of *Alan* aforesaid, *John Le Merchand* and *Oliva* his wife, *Peter de Sharnton* and *Mary* his wife, *Alan*, son of *Thomas*, and *Elizabeth*; (sister as I take it and coheirs with *Cecilia*,) who conveyed messuages and lands to *Robert*.

*William de Nowers*, in the 3d of *Edward III.* had the fourth part of a fee, and in the 20th of that King, *Rose de Nowers*, and *John*, son of *Adam de Bulwere*, of this town, passed by fine to *John de Randworth*, the moiety of 5s. 70 acres of land, 8 of meadow, 4 of pasture, and 30s. rent here, in *Binham*, &c. in the 28th of that reign, which *Rose*, widow of *William de Nowers*, held for life.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Thomas de Estle*, or *Astley*, held a quarter of a fee of the Lord *Bardolf*, and he of the Bishop, late *Nowers*; and *John Kirkman*, and his parceners, *William Ingram*, *Thomas Wake*, and *John Gloos*, held a quarter of a fee of the said *Thomas*, which *Alan Noers* late held; and *Thomas Astley*, Esq. son and heir, settled this manor in the 7th of *Henry VII.* as a jointure on *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Clipsby*, of *Oby*; in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* *Thomas Astley*, and *John*, his son and heir, sold it to Sir *Roger Townsend* of *Rainham*; and *George Townsend*, Esq. with *Alice* his wife, passed it in Queen *Mary's* reign, to *Thomas Townsend*, Esq. from the *Townsend*s it was conveyed about 1570, to *Martin Hastings*, who sold it to *Giles Mabbs*, or *Nabbs*, Gent. he left two daughters and coheirs; *Mary*, married to *Riches Brown*, Esq. of *Fulmodeston*, and ——— married to *James Ward*, Gent. of *Hindringham*.

## WILBY'S MANOR.

Another part of this great episcopal lordship was in the hands of the ancient family of *De Burgolion*; and *Ralph*, son of *John de Rudham*, held half a fee, of *Robert Burgolion*, in the time of King *Henry III.* and he of the Bishop; and in the 3d of *Edward I.* *William le Burguillon*, of *Snaring*, was found to hold the same, and to have enfeoffed *John de Rudham*, of the same, in his life time, for which reason the jury was in doubt whether *Walter*, his heir, should be in ward to *William Lord Bardolf*, who held it of the Bishop, or no, this being a greater enfeoffment than *Kerdeston* manor, from *William de Say. Eschaet.*

In the 13th of *Edward II.* *Ralph de Rudham*, by deed dated, confirmed to *Roger Hervey*, of this town, certain herbage lands, and *John Agar*, *Joan Hervey*, &c. held a quarter of a fee, in the 20th of that King, of *Hugh de Burgelyon*, and at the said time, *John de Wilby*, and *Joan Hervey* held half a fee of *Ralph de Astley*, and he of the Bishop, which *Ralph*, son of *John de Rudham*, formerly had; it appears that *Hervey's* part was 5 messuages, 84 acres of land, 16 of meadow here, and in *Thursford.*

In the 5th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Beaufort* Duke of *Exeter*, died seized (as lord of *Wrongey*, the *Bardolf's* estate) of three quarters of a fee here, &c. held by *William Shelton*, and the fourth part of one held by *John Wilby*, and in the 22d of *Henry VIII.* this lordship of *Wilby* was possessed by *John Hall* of *Halsted*, in *Lincolnshire.*

## PERNOW HALL.

This was also a lordship belonging to the Bishop's fee, and in the reign of *Edward III.* was possessed by *John de Egmore*, and is said to be held of the manor of *Nowers*, in this town.

In the 13th of *Henry VI.* *Richard Chappe* grants to *Henry Beaufort*, Cardinal and Bishop of *Winchester*, *William de la Pole*, Earl of *Suffolk*, *Sir Thomas Kerdeston*, *Sir Thomas Todenham*, *William Billingsford*, Esq. &c. his manor of *Parnow-hall*, in *Hindringham*, to them and their heirs for ever, dated at this town on *Saturday* next before the feast of *St. Philip* and *St. James*: his seal is about the bigness of a crown piece, and is,—gules, a fess wavy, between six billets, argent.

After this it came to the *Welbys*, who held it of the *Astleys*, lords of the manor of *Nowers*. *Richard Wilby* and *Dorothy* his wife, passed it in the 32d of *Henry VIII.* to *Edmund Framingham.*

*George Dary*, of *Gunthorp*, son of *Thomas Davy*, was found to die seized of it, *September 4*, in the last year of *Philip* and *Mary*, and *Richard Davy*, was found his son and heir aged 30, and was purchased of *Christopher Dary*, by *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. about the 20th of *Elizabeth*, who sealed with -----, three bulls heads caboshed.

## COLDHAM- HALL.

*William Baynard* had this hall conveyed to him, in the 16th of *Edward IV.* by *Thomas Gloys* and *Margaret* his wife, with 124 acres of land, and a foldcourse, in this town, *Bathele*, &c.

In the 27th of *Henry VIII.* *John Wotton*, and *William Farmer*, Esq. held a fee of the Bishop, and paid *Ss. 6d.* every 30 weeks, to *Norwich* castle guard; and in the following year, the said *John* surrendered his right herein, with the liberty of a foldage, to *Miles Groos*, and in the 31st of the said King, *William Farmer* conveyed his to *Margaret Stamford*.

After this it was possessed by *Francis Bedingfeld*, who sold it in the 34th of *Elizabeth* to *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. abovementioned, and --- *Godfrey*, Esq. a master in chancery, sold it to *Isaac le Heup*, Esq.

Besides the abovementioned lordships, the King had a small fee at the survey, in this town, his great manor of *Wighton* extending here; viz. half a carucate,<sup>1</sup> but it might be made up one whole carucate.

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Thomas*, son of *Gilbert*, the merchant, *Adam Fitz Robert*, &c. held 17 acres, which *Jeffrey Story* sold to them of the free manor belonging to *Wighton*, 20 years (as it is said) before the reign of King *Henry*.

After this *Gregory de Holkham* held the 40th part of a fee here, of the manor of *Wyston*, then in the hands of the Earl *Warren*, who held in capite.

*Osbern*, bishop of *Exeter*, (as I take it,) had also an interest here, 32 acres of land, and a carucate which 3 freemen held before the Conquest, valued at 10s. the King and the Earl had always the sac; and these three men, which *Berard* holds of the Bishop, *Drogo de Beuraria's* men or tenants laid claim to, as belonging to their lord *Drogo's* fee.<sup>2</sup>

*Osbern* had also the manor of *Banham*, and *Wica*, in *Gilcross* hundred;—of *Tasburgh*, and *Fornsett*, in *Depewade* hundred, given him by the Conqueror.

This tenure (as I conceive) was held soon after by some of the Bishop of *Norwich's* men, and united, soon after this, to some of the manors abovementioned.

*Drogo de Beuraria*, or *Drew de Beveres*, was a noble *Fleming*, who attended the Conqueror on the invasion, and made by him Lord of *Holderness*, in *Yorkshire*, with a grant of these manors in *Norfolk*; *Basingham*, and *Berningham*, in *North Erpingham* hundred;—*Saxlingham*, in *Heinsted* hundred;—*Burgh*, and *Erpingham*, in *South Erpingham* hundred; with this of *Hindringham*, which *Ulf*, and *Osward* held for a manor, with 2 carucates of land in King *Edward's* time, when there were 8 villains, and 8 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, with 3 acres of meadow, valued then at 4*l.* at the survey at 30s. per ann.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Et in Hindringham dim. car. tre. s. i car. posset ee.

<sup>2</sup> Terre Osborni Ep. — Hindringaha.

ten. iii lib. hoes T. R. E. xxxii ac. terre sep. i car. sep. x sol. val. T. R. E.

et semp. ht. rex et comes saca' et hos tres ho'es qs. Berard. tenet calu' pniatur hoes Drogonis ad. feudu' d'ni sui.

<sup>3</sup> Terra Drogonis de Beuraria—Hindringaham. ten. Ulf, et Osuuard ii car.

Of this I meet with no particulars further, so that it seems soon after united to the other manors.

The church was anciently a rectory, dedicated to St. Martin, and valued at 85 marks, and was appropriated to the office of the cellarer, in the priory of *Norwich*, by *John de Grey* Bishop, and a vicarage established, now valued at 9*l.* and paid formerly Peter-pence 2*s.*<sup>2</sup>

### VICARS.

In 1301, *John de Dudlynton*, presented vicar, by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

*Jeffrey de Plumstede*, died vicar in 1349, and was succeeded by *Richard de Semere*; and in the said year *William Gornerd* was presented.

1354, *Adam Wortes*.

1361, *Henry Overmere*.

1368, *John Gardiner*.

1401, *John Jollyf*.

*Adam at Ker* was vicar in 1445.

*William Weston* about 1600.

The patronage is vested in the dean and chapter of *Norwich*, as impropriators, but leased out to their tenants, who hold the rectory and tithes of them.

In 1722, on the death of *Joshua Thompson*,

*Benjamin Lane* was presented by *John Brown*, Gent.

1745, *James Goodall*, by the dean, &c. of *Norwich*.

The guilds of our Lady, the Trinity, St. John, and St. Martin were here.

In the chancel window an orate for Sir *Robert Walkfare*, Knt. with his arms, and one for *Thomas Swellington*, with his arms, *argent*, a chevron, *sable*, and a file of five points, *gules*; *argent*, an orle of martlets, *azure*.

In the chancel windows also, were the arms of the Lords *Bardolf*, and *Morley*, *Norwich* priory, *sable*, a fess dauncy between five escallops, *argent*, *Wibby*, and *sable*, a chevron ingrailed, *crmin*, between three annulets, *argent*, *Dary*, impaling *azure*, a bend *argent*.—*Dary* impaling *gules*, three round buckles, *argent*, between three cross crosslets, fitchet, *sable*, and *Monpinson*, *gules* on a fess *argent* three towers *sable* between as many seamows *or*.

tre. et. mo. tenet Drogo de Beuraria. p. d'no. mo. i. int. ss. et illos iii car. pt.  
i man tc. T. R. E. viii vill. et viii bor. tc. val. iiii lib. mo. xxx. sol.  
mo. ii vill. et viii bor. sep. tc. ii car. in 2 Reg. x Ecc. Cath. Norw. fol. 31.

## HOLKHAM.

THE principal lordship of this town was, after the conquest, granted to *Tovi*, one of the Conqueror's attendants, on the deprivation of *Ketel*, a freeman, who was lord in the reign of King *Edward*, when there belonged to it, 3 carucates of land, 2 villains, 8 borderers, with 5 servi; there were two carucates in demean, one and an half among the tenants, &c. with a rood of meadow, a mill, 4 cows, &c. 21 swine, &c. and 300 sheep; there were 18 socmen, with all their customary dues, who held 56 acres of land, and 2 carucates, and of these he had the soc.

To this lordship 3 freemen were added; two of them were under the protection of *Herald*, and one under that of *Gert*, and held a carucate and half of land under *Tovi's* predecessor; 9 borderers and 7 socmen, with 4 carucates, and 16 acres of land belonged to them, &c. the whole was then valued at 6*l.* afterwards, and at the survey, at 8*l.* per ann. it was one leuca broad, and long, and paid 2*s.* gelt.<sup>3</sup>

*Tovi* had, besides this manor, the grant of the following lordships, *Hackford*, in the hundred of *Fourhoe*;—*Stokes*, *Thorp*, *Newton*, and *Keningham*, in *Humbleyard* hundred, and one in *Henstede* hundred.

Soon after the survey, probably on the death of *Tovi*, it came as an eschaet to the Crown, and was granted by King *William II.* to his great favourite *William de Albini*, his butler (*Pincerna Regis*) ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*, lord of *Wymondham*, *Rysing Castle*, and *Buckenham*, who enfeoffed *Hubert de Munchensi* thereof, ancestor of the Lords *de Munchensi*; and *Agnes* widow of *Warin de Monchensi* held it in dower in the 33d of *Henry II.*

Sir *Warin de Montchensi* had a charter of freewarren, in the reign of King *Henry III.* and *Thomas de Holcham* released to him in 1227, common of pasture for 200 sheep, 7 cows, with all his right in two marshes, called *Burgh* marsh, and *Little* marsh, saving his own right of common.

*William* Lord *Monchensi*, his son and heir, left a daughter and sole heir, *Dionisia*, who brought it by marriage in 1296, to Sir *Hugh de Vere*, a younger son of *Robert* Earl of *Oxford*, being held of the Lord *Tateshal*, who married one of the heiresses of the Earl of *Arundel*, by half a fee; and had a sheepwalk, the lete, wreck at sea, &c. and having no issue, this lordship came to *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, son of *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, and *Joun* his wife, sister of *William*, Lord *Monchensi*, father of the said *Dionysia*.

On the death of *Adomare de Valentia*, in the 17th of *Edward II.*

<sup>3</sup> Terra Tovi—Holcha' ten. Ketel i lib. ho. iii car. tre. sep. ii vill. et viii bor. tc. v ser. sep. ii car. in d'ano. tc. i car. et dim. boum p' et mo. i et i virga p'ti. sep. i mol tc iii an. mo. i tc. xxi por. mo sep. ccc ov. et xviii soc. cu'om. consuet. sed ht. soca. lvi ac. tre. sep. ii.

car. huic man. sunt additi iii lib. hoes. duo comd. Herald et i Gert. i car. et dim. tre. hos ten. antecessor ejus sub eis ix bor. sep vii soc. xvi ac. tre. tc. iii car. int. eos. et p' et mo. i tc. val. vi lib. p' et mo. viii ht. i leug. in long. et in lato et de gelito ii sol.



and a division of his inheritance, it was assigned to *David de Strabolgi*, in right of *Joan* his wife, daughter of *John Comyn, Lord of Badenagh*, in *Tiudale*, by *Joan* his wife, one of the sisters and coheirs, of the said *Adomare*, where it remained, till his descendant *David* Earl of *Athol*, on his death, in the 49th of *Edward III.* left it to his two daughters and coheirs, (*Elizabeth* and *Philippa*), by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of the Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*.

*Elizabeth*, the eldest, married first Sir *Thomas Percy*, and secondly Sir *John Scroop*, and had livery of a moiety of this lordship, in 1377; and in 1388, being then a widow, conveyed it to Sir *John Halsham*, of *Kent*, and *Philippa* his wife, (her sister,) who had for her first husband, Sir *Ralph Percy*, brother of Sir *Thomas*.

In 1395, *John Halsham*, Esq. was found to be son and heir of *Philippa*, and was lord in the 3d of *Henry V.* Sir *Hugh de Halsham* died lord in the 20th of *Henry VI.* *Petronella* his wife surviving, when *Joan*, daughter and heir of *Richard Halsham*, his brother, wife of *John Lewkenor*, Esq. of *Goring* in *Sussex*, was his heir, *John Lewkenor*, Esq. in the 4th of *Edward IV.* settled it by fine on *Thomas Randolph*, with the manor of *West Laxham*.

After this it was in the family of *Boleyns* of *Blickling*. Sir *William Boleyn*, second son of Sir *Jeff. Boleyn*, (Lord Mayor of *London*), died possessed of it in 1505.

*Thomas Gresham*, Esq. purchased it of Sir *James Boleyn*, by fine, in the 4th and 5th of *Philip and Mary*. By an inquisition taken May 9, in the 39th of *Elizabeth*, the Lady *Ann Gresham*, widow of Sir *Thomas*, was found to have held the manor of *Holkham*, and *Burgh-hall*; and *William Read*, Esq. was her son and heir, by her first husband, *William Read*, Esq. This was held of the heirs of *Tateshall*, by half a fee.

It appears she had two flocks of sheep, one called *Holkham-Burgh* flock, containing 457 sheep, the other called *Southouse* flock, containing 469.

In the 21st of King *James*, the Lady *Mary Read*, widow of Sir *William Read*, possessed it.

Soon after it was purchased by *William Wheatly*, Esq; prothonary of the Common Pleas, who was also lord of *Hill-Hall*, in this town, and left it to *Anthony* his son and heir, who by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *William Armiger*, Esq. of *North Creke*, had 3 daughters and coheirs; *Muriel*, the eldest, brought it by marriage to *John Coke*; Esq. fourth son of the famous Sir *Edward Coke*, lord chief justice of *England*, as I shall show in the pedigree of that family.

Part of this town was a beruite to the King's manor of *Wighton*, held by the Confessor, and at the survey by the Conqueror; it contained 3 carucates of land, but it lay waste then.\*

The Conqueror had also a carucate of land, of which *Alwin* a freeman was deprived: this also belonged to his manor of *Wighton*; and there were 3 borderers, with 7 socmen, who had 2 carucates among them, and him, who held the land.

\* Terre Regis—Holcha. beruita jacet huic manerio (Wighton) iii car. tre. s est vastata, et iii car. possent ibi esse.

In Holcham i car. tre qua tenuit Al-

vin. i lib ho. T. R. E. et p'tinet ad Guistone, iii bor et vii soc. tc. et sep. ii car. inf. omes. et illu. qi. hab. tram.

This seems to be possessed by *William de Ken*, lord of *Wighton*, in the reign of King *Richard I.* and King *John*; and by his son *William*, in that of *Henry III.* who forfeited it on his rebellion; and it was granted by that King to *Philip de Albini*, (as the lands of the Normans,) who was lord in the 29th year of that reign, but in the 32d of the said King, it was conferred on *William de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, the King's half brother, and his son, *Adomare de Valentia*, inherited it, and so it became united to the lordship abovementioned, and came to *John Coke*, Esq.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had in this town, at the survey, in *Warham*, and in *Well*, the tenure of 11 socmen, and 6 borderers, who held 2 carucates of land, and an acre of meadow, valued at 40s. *Ribald* was enfeofed of it by *Alan. Edwi*, the *Conqueror's* steward, laid claim to one of them, who had 30 acres, as the hundred witnesses: 5 of this see in *Warham*.

*William* Earl *Warren* had also a small fee, which *Walter* held under him, half a carucate of land; this was part of the manor of *Burnham Thorp*, and valued with it.<sup>6</sup>

These were the capital lords at the survey; some account of those who held under them here follows.

Two socmen who belonged to the King's manor of *Wighton*, with 10s. rent in land here, were given by King *Henry II.* in his 3d year, to *Roger de Tony* and *Ida* his wife, in free marriage.

In the 12th of *Henry III.* *Bertrdm de Holkham* had an interest here; and in the 20th of that King, *Peter de Holkham* held a quarter of a fee, *Richard Hacon* the 16th part of one, and *Walter Dakeny*, the 6th part, of the Earl of *Arundel*; *William Veuter* held also at the same time the 16th part of a fee, and *John*, son of *Adam le Bret*, a quarter of a fee, of the honour of *Arundel*.

*Baldwin de Akeney* had a lordship in the aforesaid reign, which came to *John*, his son; and *Baldwin*, son of *John de Akeney*, and *Alice* his wife, had the lete, in the 14th of *Edward I.* which the lord of *Wighton* formerly held, also tenements and lauds which were royal demesans, with freewarren, pillory, tumbrel, as granted by King *Henry III.* to his ancestors, with a weekly mercate on *Monday*, and a fair on the feast of the decollation of *St. John Baptist*.

Here was a great fish mercate, and 4d. per ann. was paid for the fish stalls to the lord of *Wighton*.

On an inquisition taken in the 34th of the said King before the stewards of Sir *Hugh de Veer*, Sir *William de Calthorp*, (who held the Earl *Warren's* fee) and the prior of *Walsingham*, concerning the fold-courses, the jury find that there were 9 common fold courses;<sup>7</sup> 2 belonging to *Creke* abbey, 3 to the prior of *Walsingham*, 4 to the prior of *Peterston*, *Martin Godwyn*, and *John de Brett*, with others near the salt marsh, belonging to Sir *Hugh de Veer*, the prior of *Walsingham*, and the abbot of *West Derham*.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *John*, son of *Henry Underburgh*, of

<sup>5</sup> Terre Alani Comitiss—In Holkham et in Guella tenet Ribald' de Comite xi. soc. de ii car. tre et vi bord. i ac. p. j. tc. val. x. t. sol. et mo et ibi calu' pniatur Edwi p' posit. Regis i homine de xxx ac. et hoc testat. hundred.

<sup>6</sup> Tre Will de Warennas—In Holcha tenet Galter. dim. car. tre semp. i bord. et p'tinet ad Brun.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Walsingh. in Bibl. Cotton. fol. 50.

*Burnham*, and *Cecilia* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Richard Neal*, of *Burnham*, and *Catherine* his wife, lands here, and in *Swainthorp*, held of the Earl of *Pembroke*, by the fourth part of a fee; and the said *Richard* held it in 1223, and in the 20th of *Edward III*.

The tenants of *Walter Hacon* were found to have the 16th part of a fee, *John Kirkham*, a quarter of a fee, of the heirs of *Sir Roger le Brome*, of the *Arundel* fee, which *John*, son of *Adam le Brett* formerly held; and *Jeffrey Miniot*, a quarter of a fee late *Eustach. de Brett's*, and *John Veutre*, the 16th part of a fee, late *William Veuter's*.

*Thomas Neal* in the 50th of *Edward III*. was found to have held a lordship here, with a tenement in *Kypton*, by *Wesensham*: *Margaret*, his sister and coheir, was the wife of *John Quarles*, and *Mary*, the other sister, was the wife of *John de Lyng*.

In 1384, *John de Holkham* died lord of a manor here, in *Holme*, and *Ringstead*, as appears by his will, dated on *St. Stephen's day*,<sup>8</sup> wherein he mentions *Margaret* his wife, and *Gregory* his son, and gives to *John*, his son, the manor of *Burnham Deepdale*; in the said year, *Ed. Holkham*; Esq. living in the abbey of *Holm*, was buried there.

By the inquisitions taken in the 3d of *Henry IV*. *Thomas Dikeman* of *Old Lynn* held then the 16th part of a fee late *Hakon's*, *Sir Robert Knolls*, *William Calthorp*, *Simon Veutre*, *John Hicklyng*, and the prior of *Walsingham* here, in *Burnham*, and *Wighton*, the 3d part of a fee of the honour of *Arundel*; *Gregory de Holkham* a quarter of a fee of the said honour, and *Simon Veutre* here, and in *Stochekey*, half a fee of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

*Edmund Lucas*, and *John*, had at the same time a quarter of a fee, of *Arundel*, in right of *Jeff. Neal*, deceased, as his heir.

*Thomas Lucas*, Esq. of *Holkham*, lord of *Neal's* manor, bequeaths his body to be buried in the church of *St. Withburga* of *Holkham*, by his testament,<sup>9</sup> (dated *February, 25, 1446*) and gives this lordship, with those of *Surlingham*, and *Swainthorp*, the advowson of *St. Laurence's* church in *Laringsete*, the manor of *Kypton* in *Wesensham*, and *Raynham*, to his wife *Etheldreda*, till his daughter *Elizabeth* came of age, then the moiety of *Kypton* was to be his daughter's; remainder of the whole to his daughter and her heirs.

In 1533, *William Wootton*, Gent. and *John Wootton*, Esq. convey it to *William Pepys*, Gent.; and *Thomas Pepys*, Gent. died seized of it by the name of *Neels*, alias *Lucas* manor, in 1569, and orders it by his will to be sold. In 1572, it was possessed by *William Wheatly*, Esq. who was afterwards, by the purchase of the *Greshams* estate, lord of the greatest part of this town, and so descended to *John Coke*, Esq. as above shown.

In 1247, a fine was levied between *Hugh de Cressi*, petent, and *Ralph de Akeny*, tenant of half a messuage, and half a carucate of land in *Holcham*, which *Ralph* had, who granted to *Symon*, prior of *Petreston*, the moiety thereof to the west, except the capital messuage, and the windmill, which were to remain to *Ralph*, with a proviso, that *Ralph*, or his heirs should not set up a fold, but that the prior and his successors might, as belonging to their moiety.

The prior had a patent in the 11th of *Edward II*. to purchase 80

<sup>8</sup> Reg. Haydon, Norw.

<sup>9</sup> Reg. Wilby, Norw. fol. 133.

acres of land, and 4s. rent of *William Bulman*, in this town: but in the 28th of *Henry VI.* the prior of *Walsingham* had a grant of these lands, and the said priory; and so continued till the Dissolution, when they came to the Crown.

King *Edward VI.* in 1549, granted *Peterstone* priory manor, and lands in this town, &c. to the see of *Norwich*, where it remains at this time.

The temporalities of this priory were valued at 8s. 8d. in 1428.

In 1538, *Avery Gryggs, Esq.* was returned to have held lately the quarter of a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

*Creke* abbey had an interest herein.

*Reginald*, son of *Jeffrey de Holkham*, granted by fine to *William*, abbot of *Creke*, a messuage, and 40 acres of land in the 31st of *Henry III.* and their temporalities were valued in 1428, at 58s. 5d. ob. and those of the monks of *Thetford* at 16d.—of *West Derham* 96s. 6d.

Lands here in the tenure of *Roger Hopkins*, containing 40 acres, granted July 27, in the 3d and 4th of *Philip and Mary*, to Sir *John Parrot*; also 18 acres granted in the 19th of *Elizabeth*, to *Ed. Grimston*, November 28.

The tenths of the town were 9l. 10s.—Deducted 1l. 10s.

The great antiquary and historian *Camden*, derives this family of *Coke*, from "*William Coke*," of *Dodington*," in *South Greenhow* hundred, *Norfolk*, mentioned in a deed, in 1206, who held also in the "said year, the lordship of *South Burgh* in *Mitford* hundred, and "conveyed lands there, held by knight's service, to *William*, son of "*Geleran*, by *Felice* his wife. *William* had *Jeffrey* his son, residing "at *Dodington*, in the 36th year of *Henry III.* who married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Alen de Attlebrigg*, and left *Thomas Coke* of *Dodington*, living in the 50th of that King, and father of "*Thomas*, of the said town, living in the 44th of *Edward I.* who had "*John Coke* of *Dodington*, in the 9th of *Edward II.* and was father "of Sir *Thomas Coke*, lord of *Dodington*, *Fouldon*, &c. by his wife "*Eleanor*, daughter of - - - - - *Stanlaw*; as may be seen in *Colling's History of the Peerage*."

To this I shall add that *Dodington* abovementioned should be *Didlington*, a town adjoining to *Fouldon*, and that *Thomas Coke* of *Didlington*, in the 24th of *Henry III.* was found to hold one fee and a half of the Earl *Warren*, in that town, and that *Roger Coke* held the same, as lord, in the 34th of that King, had view of frank pledge, and *Robert Coke* was lord in the 9th of *Edward I.* and had the assise of bread, beer, &c.

In the *History of the Peerage*, it is also said, that "*John Coke* was "lord of *Dodington*, in the 9th of *Edward II.* and father of Sir "*Thomas Coke*, who served in the wars of *France*, was lord of *Dodington* and *Foulden*, created a knight banneret, and in the 22d of "*Edward II.* had a grant of 100l. per ann. In the 25th of that "*King*, he is styled late *Seneschal* of *Gascoign*, had a grant of a "*place*, called *De La Trene*, of the value of 200l. per ann. for life, "*lately enjoyed by William Ferreol*, a rebel: his son *Thomas* dying "*s. p.* his inheritance descended to *John Coke*, second son, brother

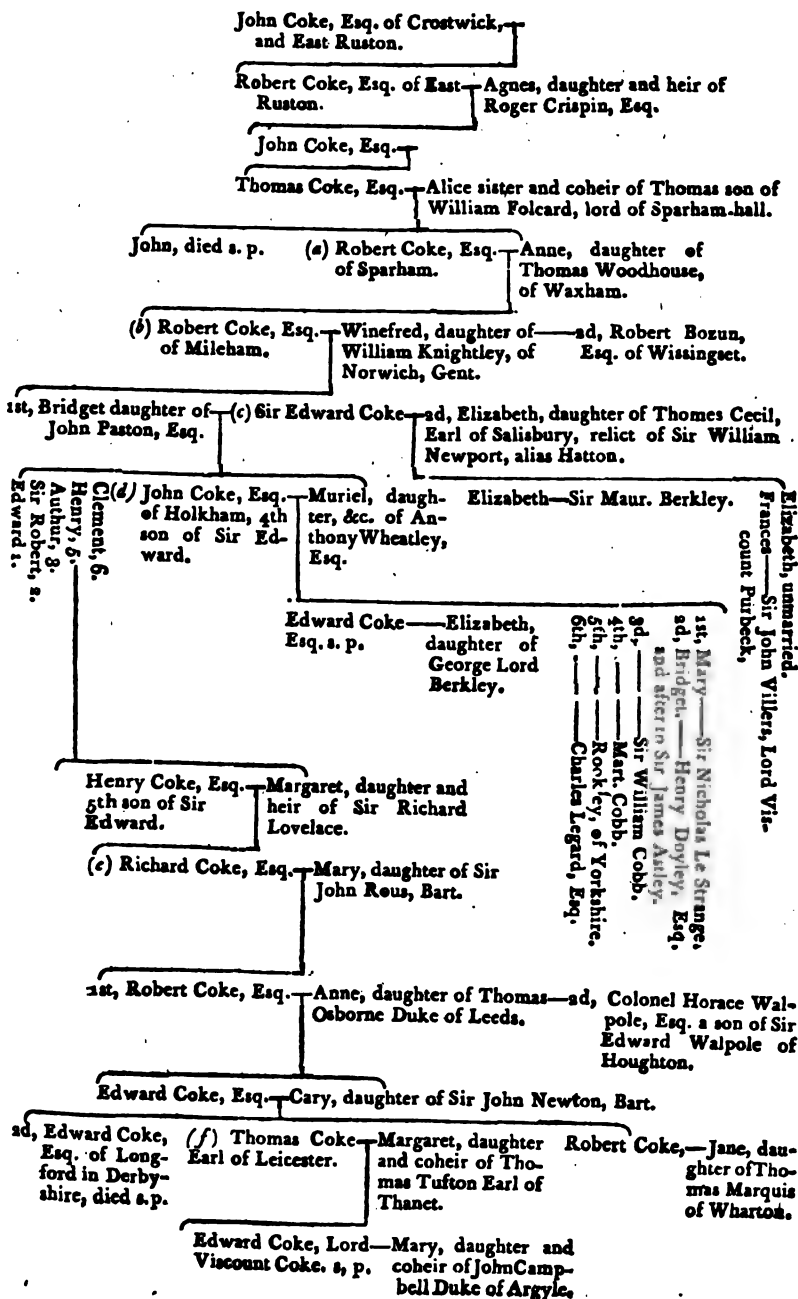
\* See *Colling's Peerage*, vol. iii.    \* *Didlis* ptenrather.

" of Sir *Thomas*, who had a son *John*, and he a son *Robert*, who married *Agnes*, daughter and heir of *Roger Crispin*."

In an old pedigree that I have seen, I find that *John Coke*, Esq. of *Croswick*, in *Norfolk*, was father of *Robert*: this *John*,<sup>3</sup> (as I take it) was son of *John Coke*, the brother of Sir *Thomas*, and removed from *Croswick*, to *East Ruston*, and was father of *Robert Coke*, of *East Ruston*, Esq. who married *Agnes*, daughter and heir of *Roger Crispin*, Esq. of *Hapsburgh* in *Norfolk*.

<sup>3</sup> John Coke, the brother of Sir *Thomas*, was living in 1632, at *Whitwell*, in *Norfolk*.

COKE'S PEDIGREE



(a) *Robert*, by *Anne* his wife, had *Robert*, his son and heir, and *Thomas*, who was lord of *Gambon's*, in *Whitwell*, and married *Jane*, daughter of ——— *Church*, Gent.

(b) *Robert Coke*, Esq. of *Milcham*, by *Winefrede*, his wife, daughter and coheir of *William Knightsley*, Gent. descended from the *Knightleys* of *Fausley* in *Northamptonshire*, was bred to the law, fellow of *Lincoln's Inn*, and dying in 1561, was buried in *St. Andrew's* church, in *Holbourn*; where he had a monument erected to his memory, by his wife, who remarried *Robert Bozun*, Esq. of *Wissingset*, who was lord of the manor of *Burwoods*, in *Milcham*, and left *Edward*, his only son and heir, and seven daughters. *Thomas Hawley*, *Clarencieux*, granted to him these arms, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary* June 9, —*argent*, a chevron engrailed *gules*, between three tigers heads erased, *sable*, about their necks a gemell, or;—crest, a turkey-cock proper.

(c) Sir *Edward Coke* was born at *Milcham*, lord chief justice of *England*; of his great character, dignity, &c. see his epitaph in *Tittlehale* church, where he lies buried. I have seen three different prints of him—one a copper-plate by *Loggan*, a folio, *Vera effigies viri clarissimi Edwards Coke, equitis aurati, nuper capitalis justiciarii, ad placita coram rege tenenda*; with his arms and crest.

Another in octavo, in his robes, as a judge; and one less, with this motto round his effigies, *Prudens qui patiens*: and at the bottom,—*Jurisprudentium eloquentissimus, et eloquentium jurisprudentissimus*.

By *Bridget* his first wife, daughter of *John Paston*, Esq. he had 6 sons, and 3 daughters; and by *Elizabeth*, his second wife, daughter of *Thomas Cecil* Earl of *Exeter*, he had 2 daughters: of this judge and the family see at large in *Collins*, vol. iii. p. 507, &c.

His three daughters, by his first wife, were *Elizabeth*, who died young; *Bridget*, married to *William Skinner*, Esq. and *Anne*, to *Ralph Sadler*, Esq. the two by his second wife were *Elizabeth*, who died single, and *Frances*, married to the Viscount *Perbeck*, brother of the Duke of *Bucks*.

*Edward*, first son of Sir *Edward*, died an infant.—Sir *Robert*, the second son, was lord of *Huntingfeld*, in *Suffolk*; he married *Theophila*, sister to the Lord *Berkley*, daughter of *Thomas* Lord *Berkley*, died s. p. in 1653, and was buried at *Epsom*, in *Surry*.

*Arthur*, third son, was of *Bromfield*, in *Suffolk*, Esq. he married *Elizabeth*, daughter and sole heir of Sir *George Waldgrave*, of *Hitcham*,<sup>4</sup> in *Norfolk*, died s. p. and was buried at *Bromfield*, in 1629.—Of *John*, the 4th son, I shall after treat, and of *Henry*, the 5th son.—*Clement*, the 6th son, of *Langford*, in *Derbyshire*, Esq. married *Sarah*, daughter and coheir of *Alexander Readish*, of *Reddish*, in *Lancashire*, buried in the *Temple* church in 1629, and was father of *Edward Coke*, of *Langford*, Esq. created baronet by King *Charles I.* *Sarah* his wife died in 1693, seized of the manors of *Reddish*, *Pendlebury*, *Tetlow*, and *Crumwell*, in *Lancashire*, as her own inheritance.

(d) *John Coke*, Esq. of *Holkham*, 4th son of Sir *Edward*, (on the death of his three elder brothers, without issue) succeeded in the inheritance; he died in 1661, leaving *Edward*, his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *George* Lord *Berkley*, and dying s. p.

<sup>4</sup> Rather of *Heigham*, in *Suffolk*.

the estate came to his cousin and heir, *Richard Coke, Esq.* John had 6 sons, who all died s. p. and the 9 daughters. Of this *John Coke, Esq.* and *Muriel* his wife, see afterwards.

(e) *Richard Coke, Esq.* was son and heir of *Henry Coke, Esq.* (5th son of Sir *Edward*) of *Thorington*, in *Suffolk*, by *Margaret*, daughter and heir of Sir *Richard Lovelace*, of *Kingsdown*, in *Kent*, and on his death, in 1661, was buried at *Thorington*, of which he was Lord, and of *Swaffham Bulbeck* priory, in *Cambridgeshire*. *Richard* married *Mary*, daughter of Sir *John Rous, Bart.* of *Henham*, in *Suffolk*, and was father of *Robert Coke, Esq.* of *Holkham*, who by the Lady *Anne*, daughter of the Duke of *Leeds*, had *Edward*, his son and heir, who took to wife, *Cary*, daughter of Sir *John Newton, Bart.* of *Barrow Court*, in *Gloucestershire*, by whom he had three sons, *Thomas, Edward*, and *Robert*: *Edward*, the second son, had the estate of Sir *Edward, Coke, Bart.* of *Langford* in *Derbyshire*, and dying s. p. in 1733, *Robert*, his younger brother, inherited it; and was vicechamberlain to Queen *Caroline*; he married the Lady *Jane*, eldest sister and coheir of *Philip* Duke of *Wharton*, relict of *John Holt, Esq.* of *Redgrave* in *Suffolk*, on whose death, in 1737, the *Langford* estate came to the Honourable *Wenman Coke Roberts, Esq.* son of *Philip Roberts, Esq.* major of the 2d troop of horse-guards, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Edward Coke*, and *Cary* his wife. *Carey*, the eldest daughter, married Sir *Marmaduke Wyvill, Bart.* and died s. p.

*Thomas Coke, Esq.* eldest son and heir, married Lady *Margaret*, (3d daughter and coheir of *Thomas Tutson* Earl of *Thanet*;) and Lady *Clifford*, a Baroness in her own right; he was created Knt. of the Bath, Baron *Lovell*, of *Minster-Lovel* in *Oxfordshire*, and Earl of *Leicester*, one of the post-masters general of *Great Britain*, and fellow of the Royal Society, &c.

By the Lady *Margaret* he had *Edward* Lord Viscount *Coke*, a young nobleman of most eminent parts, who represented the county of *Norfolk* in parliament, married the Lady *Mary*, daughter and coheir of *John* Duke of *Argyle*, and died in 1753, without issue.

The Right Honourable *Thomas Coke* Earl of *Leicester*, his father, died April 20, 1759, and was buried at *Tittleshall*, the burial-place of his ancestors.

The Honourable *Wenman Coke, Esq.* member of parliament for *Derby*, is heir apparent.

The town takes its name from its site, lying near to some remarkable hills, *Hoe-lig-Ham*; and, as tradition says, was one of the country seats of *Anna* King of the *East-Angles*; and *Withburga*, his youngest daughter, who was sainted for her piety, (of whom see in *East-Derham*;) was here born and educated.

It was anciently a place of consequence, and eminency for trade and shipping. In the 4th year of *Edward II.* the King sent his writ to this town, *Burnham, Snetterley, Lynn* and *Yarmouth*, to provide ships to be sent to *Scotland*, the King being then at war with the *Scots*; and this town, with that of *Burnham Deepdale*, was appointed to provide one ship in the reign of *Edward III.* In order, with others, to transport the King's army from *Dublin*, in *Ireland*, to *Scotland*.

But what renders this village highly remarkable in this present age,



is the noble, stately, sumptuous palace, erected by the late Right Honourable Lord of it, which may be justly said to be in all respects, one of the best houses (if not the best) in all *Great Britain*; and may it so remain a splendid monument of his great worth and dignity, to latest posterity!

The building of *Holkham-house* was finished by *Margaret*, Countess Dowager of *Leicester*, in the year 1764, having expended therein upwards of eleven thousand pounds since Lord *Leicester's* death; and the furnishing of the house was completed in the year 1766, at the additional expense of more than three thousand pounds, by her Ladyship.

Influenced by a tender regard to indigent, and widowed age, in the year 1755, her Ladyship built and endowed, and in 1763, further endowed, in this parish, an alms-house for the maintenance of three men and three women, to have sixpence a day each; one chaldron of coals each, annually, and to have new cloaths once in two years; to be elected by the possessor of *Holkham-house*, out of some parish in which the estates thereto belonging lie: the building and furnishing the six dwellings, and purchasing the rents and estates for the support and maintenance of the whole, cost her Ladyship about two thousand three hundred pounds.

In the spring, 1767, her Ladyship began to repair *Holkham-church*. All the outside walls and stone window frames were repaired throughout; the roof made strong, and part of it new leaded; the inside of the whole stuccoed and cieled; the floors entirely new paved; the pews and seats all new, and erected in a regular form. The pulpit, desks, communion table, and rails thereto, all mahogany; a marble font; plate for the communion; linen and books for all the services; the old monuments restored: the vestry room fitted up, and all the windows new glazed. The whole was finished at *Easter*, 1768, at the sole expense of her Ladyship, amounting to about one thousand pounds.

A book of this nature, as a public record, with great propriety endeavours to eternize the memory of those truly great and noble benefactors, to whom works of consummate excellence, and public acts of piety and charity, have deservedly given superior distinction in the age in which they lived.

His Lordship's arms were per pale, *gules* and *azure*, three eaglets displayed, *argent*, (as granted to Sir *Edward Coke* the judge, by *Robert Cook*, *Clarencieux*,) crest, on a chapeau, *gules* turned up *ermine*, an ostrich, *argent*, with an horseshoe in his beak, *azure*; supporters, two ostriches, *argent*, gorged and collared, with a ducal coronet.

Motto, *Prudens, qui patiens*. The quarterings of this family see in *Titleshale*.

The CHURCH stands east of the town, near the sea, on a hill, and is a noted sea mark, commanding an extensive prospect over the great *German* ocean; the hill seems to have been thrown up in the *Saxon* age, and *Danish* invasions, and to have served as a *speculum* or fort; and there is another hill at a little distance, where several human bones, and pieces of iron armour have been found in digging, and was probably a large tumulus.

It is dedicated to St. *Withburga*, and has a nave, north and south aisle, with a chancel, all covered with lead. At the south-west corner

of the south isle, stands a strong four-square tower embattled, with 4 bells; the lower part serves as a porch to the church; the north and south isles extend on each side of the chancel, and serve as buttresses against the raging wind, &c. of the sea. The east end of both these isles were chapels, and are inclosed.

In the chapel on the south side, against the east wall, is a large marble monument,—*To the reviving memory of William Wheateley, Esq; and Martha Skinner his wife, and Anthony Wheateley, Esq; and Anne Armiger his wife, and also of Muriel Coke, late wife of John Coke of Holkham, in the county of Norfolk, Esq; the fourth son of the Right Honourable Sir Edward Coke, knight, late chief judge of the court of Common Pleas, and afterwards chief judge of the King's Bench, and one of his Majesty's privy council, by Bridget Paston, one of the coheirs of John Paston, Esq; her father; and the said Muriel Coke was sole daughter and heir of Anthony Wheateley, by Anne Armiger his wife, and the said Anthony was son of William Wheateley, Esq; late prothonotary in the court of Common Pleas, by Martha Skinner, daughter of Anthony Skinner, of Warwickshire, Esq; and the said Anne Armiger, wife of the said Anthony was one of the daughters of William Armiger the elder, late of North Creak in Norfolk, Esq; by Anne Manjuer his wife, sole sister and heir of Richard Mansuer, Esq. her brother. Her loving husband, John Coke, Esq; to whom she bare six sons, and nine daughters, and lyeth here buried, erected this monument to her memory; she died the 4th of July, in the year 1636.*

On this monument are small pourtraitures of the abovementioned William Wheatley, and Martha his wife: of Anthony and Anne his wife; of John Coke and Muriel his wife, on their knees, with desks before them, and these arms; quarterly in the first and fourth, *sable* a fess, *ermin*, between three talbots, *passant, argent*; in the 2d and 3d, *argent*, a bend between two bears *salient, sable*, both borne by the name of *Wheatley*; and impaling *sable*, a chevron, between three griffins heads *erased, argent, Skinner*; *Wheatley* impaling *azure*, two bars, *argent*, between three helmets, *or, Armiger*; also *Coke* impaling *Wheatley*.

On the basis of the monument are several children kneeling.

Against the south wall, over an altar tomb, is a mural monument,

*To the pious memory of Miles Armiger, gent. the son of William Armiger, deceased, late of North Creak, Esq; which William, by his wife, Anne Mansuer, the sole sister and heir of her brother, Richard Mansuer, Esq. had issue, William his eldest son, who married Catherine, the sole daughter of John Hoe, Esq. by whom he had issue ten sons and nine daughters; Miles the 2d, and Mansuer his 3d son. Anne his eldest daughter, married to Anthony Wheatley of Hill Hall in Holkham, Esq. who had issue, one daughter. Susan the 2d daughter, married to John Fountaine, of Salle, in Norfolk, Esq. one of his majesty's justices of the peace. Jane the 3d daughter, married to John Osborne of Tile-Hall in Lachingdon, Essex. Miles died a batchelor May 10, 1639, aged 64 years.*

*Here lyeth interred Susan Doyley, only daughter and heir of Edmund Doyley, Esq; and Bridget his wife. Edmund was the only son and heir*

of Sir Henry Doyley knight, of Shottesham-Hall in Norfolk. Bridget was the eldest daughter of John, son of Sir Edw. Coke, &c. she died February 18, in the 54th year of her age, 1639.

On the pavement a gravestone,

In memory of Jane Osborne, late wife of John Osborne of Tiled-Hall in Latchingdon, Esser, Esq; daughter of William Armiger, of North Creak, who died March 26, 1618, *etat.* 22.

On it the arms of Osborne, *argent*, a bend, between two lions *rampant*, *sable*, impaling Armiger.

In the chancel a gravestone,

In memory of John Coke, Esq; 4th son of Sir Edward Coke, &c. who married Merial, daughter of Anthony Wheatley of Hill Hall in Holkham.

One for

George Appleton, gent. land steward of the Right Honorable Thomas, Lord Lovel, who died July 20, 1742.

One,

In memory of Muriel Legard, daughter of Charles Legard, Esq; of Anlady in Yorkshire, and Theophila his wife, 4th daughter of John Coke Esq;

Another for,

Frances, wife of Ralph Caudwell, daughter of Francis Nevil of Horton in Yorkshire, who died November 4, 1747, aged 40.

In the middle isle on a stone,

*Orate p. a'ia. Robi Dockyng, qui obt. - - - 1458.*

The church had anciently two medieties, one belonging to the King's manor, the other to that of *Torri*, which coming into the Crown, the patronage of both rested there, till granted with those lordships from the Crown.

Hubert de Montchensy, lord of one, by deed, *sans date*, and Gilbert Fitz-Richard, lord of Cley, gave to the priory of Castleacre, two parts of their tithes in Holkham, and Cley *juxta mare*, of all things tithable;\* —witnesses, Jeffrey de Tresgor, Henry de Clara, Ralph Fitz-Eudo, Roger de Montchensi, Warin de Montchensi, his brother.

An agreement was made between John, the prior of Castleacre, and Simon, abbot of West Derham, reciting that the prior of Castleacre had let to the abbot two parts of the corn tithes of the demean lands, formerly Sir Warin de Montchensy's, in Holkham, at the yearly rent of 40s. the abbot to be at all charges, and in default of the rent, or any part thereof, to pay 20s.

The said abbot and convent tie all the lands and tenements which they hold of the fee of the Earl Warren in Norfolk, that the bailiff of the said Earl, for the time being, may distrain goods and chattels, found in the said tenements and lands, and keep them back till the

\* Reg. Castleac. fol. 57, 130.

prior was fully satisfied for the said 40s. rent, and 20s. by way of damage, for not keeping the term of payment; dated the day after the feast of *St. Mary Magdalen*, 1304.

*William Lord Montchensi* gave a moiety of this church to the abbey of *West Derham*, and *King John*.<sup>7</sup> in his 2d year confirmed it with all its rights. This was valued at 35 marks, and was appropriated by *John Bishop of Norwich*.

On this a vicarage was settled called *Richard's vicarage*, valued at 6 marks.

## VICARS.

*Richard*, vicar.

1314, *Stephen de Boketon*, presented by the abbot of *West Derham*.

1326, *William de Haveringland*. Ditto.

1326, *Stephen de Londe*. Ditto.

1339, *William de Fransham*, presented to a moiety as rector, by the abbot, &c. of *West Derham*.

*King John*, in his 16th year, granted to the monastery of *St. Martin de Monte Viterbij*, in *Tuscany*, 30 marks *per ann.* out of a moiety of this church: witnesses, *Wilham* Archbishop of *Burdeaux*, *R. Tetragor. episcopo*, and signed by *Ralph de Nevill*, (the King's chancellor, as I take it, then dean of *Litchfield*, and after Bishop of *Chichester*) dated May 26; at *Partnay*.

This mediety was also valued at 35 marks, and appropriated to the monastery of *St. Martin*, and a vicarage was settled, called *Walter's*, valued at 5 marks. This mediety was let to farm to the prior and convent of *Walsingham*.

## VICARS.

*Walter*, vicar.

1300, *William de Wodeston*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Walsingham*, as proctors to the abbey of *St. Martin*.

1303, *Walter de Munden*. Ditto.

1321, *Walter de Helweton*, presented by *Aymer de Valence*, Earl of *Perthshire*, to this mediety, as rector; who recovered it in the King's court against the abbey of *St. Martin*, and so set aside, the title not being clear, and no Bishop consenting to the appropriation,

*Stephen Herring* presented to this mediety as rector.

In 1347, the abbot of *West Derham*, having obtained titles to both these medieties, and advowsons, *Will*, Bishop of *Norw.* this year, re-appropriated them, settled the 2 vicarages again, and consolidated them, *Fransham* and *Herring* resigning their 2 medieties or rectories, and *Herring* was instituted to the consolidated vicarages, the Bishop reserving a pension of 4 marks *per ann.* to the see, and 5s. *per ann.* to the convent of *Norwich* priory, and the nomination to the vicarage.

1347, *Steph Herring*, nominated by the Bishop, to the convent of *West Derham*.

<sup>7</sup> King John also then granted all his right which he had, or might have in the other moiety thereof.

1349, *John Potte, of Merston.*

1353, *Henry de Limpenhaw.*

1376, *William Baxter.*

1387, *Philip Wallis.*

1390, *Nicholas Yonge.*

1395, *Luke de Stoke.*

1401, *Richard Sayer.*

1405, *Thomas Cloyer.*

1450, *Adam Cook, on the resignation of John Flitcham.*

*William Fairfax* died vicar, in 1598.

1740, *Samuel Alston, by Lord Lovell.*

*John Hemming, by the Earl of Leicester.*

1749, *Thomas Scot. Ditto.*

In the church were the guilds of *St. Withburga*, and of *Corpus Christi*.

On *May 2*, in the 3d of *Edward VI.* the rectory and patronage of the vicarage, lately in *West Derham*, being in the Crown, was granted to *Sir John Clere*; and about the said time, *Dr. Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich* released to the King 59s. 8d. pension issuing out of the rectory.

The present valor is 8l. 13s. 4d. and is discharged. The patronage was in the Earl of *Leicester*.

This family's name is of great antiquity: *Coke* or *Cocke* (from whence it is derived) is the name of a river (so called by the ancient Britons,) in *Norfolk* and other counties, as *Cokesford*, and *Cock-Thorpe*, *Cocker*, or *Cockre*, in *Cumberland*, *Cokeley*, in *Suffolk*, &c.

## HOUGHTON,

**C**ALLED *Houghton in the Hole*, by the hills, and in old writings *Hacton*, from its site by the hills, was a beruite to the King's manor of *Wighton*, in King *Edward's* time, and remained so at the survey; 4 carucates of land belonged to it, 5 villans, and 5 borderers, one carucate in demean, and 3 carucates among the tenants, with pasture for 1000 sheep, 3 acres of meadow, with 2 mills, and was half a leuca long, and half broad, paying 4d. gelt.\*

The family of *De Vallibus* or *Vaur*, were early enfeoffed of this lordship, and was held in the reign of *Henry II.* and King *Stephen*, by *Robert de Vaur*, and *Sir Oliver de Vaur* was lord of *Hacton*, in the reign of *Henry III.* held in capite by the service of 20s. per ann. to the King, as lord of the hundred.

\* Hohtune i beruite, jacet huic man. pastura mille ovia. iiii ac. p'ti. ii mol. et  
iiii car. t're. sep. v vill. et v bor. sep. i  
ht. dim. leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et  
car. in d'no tc. iiii car. hom. p. et mo. ii  
redd. iiii d. de gelt.

Sir *John de Vaur* dying in the 16th of *Edward I.* it came to his two daughters and coheirs, *Petronilla*, and *Maud*, who held it by the payment of 20s. to the hundred, and a quarter of wheat *per aun.* and had the lete, a gallows, and other royal liberties.

## NERFORD'S MANOR.

*Petronilla* married Sir *William de Nerford*, and held a moiety of it in her right, and in this family it continued till issue male failing, on the death of Sir *John de Nerford*, in the 38th of *Edward III.* it descended to his only daughter, *Margery*, who died possessed in 1417, leaving it (as I take it) to the Lord *Cobham*, and so passed as in *Nerford* manor, in *Holt*.

After this it came to the *Lexham's*, and *William Lexham* was lord, in the 31st of *Henry VI.* and one of the same name left it in the 15th of *Henry VII.* to his four daughters and coheirs.

## ROSS'S MANOR.

*Maud*, youngest daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Vaur*, had also a moiety, which by her marriage came to *William Lord Ross* of *Hamlake*, in which family it continued, and came, after the attainder of *Thomas Lord Ross*,<sup>9</sup> to his eldest daughter, *Elizabeth*, who married Sir *Robert Mancers*, whose son, *George Lord Ross*, inherited it, and was sold by *Henry Earl of Rutland*, his descendant.

In 1551, *Martin Hastings*, Gent. presented to the vicarage, but whether he was lord does not appear.

*Gyles Symonds*, of *Hilderston*. Gent. was lord of the town in the year 1571, and had livery of it, with the manor of *Whitwell*, by *Refham*, about the 1st of *Elizabeth*, and *Henry Sidney*, Esq. was lord in the 42d of *Elizabeth*.<sup>1</sup>

In 1720, Colonel *Lee* possessed it, and his son, *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. died lord, and his son inherits it.

The tenths were 2l. 6s.—Deductions none.

The CHURCH was dedicated to St. *Giles*, and was a rectory, valued at 12 marks; on its appropriation to the priory of St. *Faith's*, in *Horsesham*, a vicarage was settled, valued at 5 marks, and the *Peter-pence* were 6d. ob. the present valor is 8l.

It is a single building, and of the same height with the chancel, covered with lead, and has a tower with three bells.

In the chancel, on a brass,

*Hic jacet Dns. Joh. Fuller.*—He was vicar.

In the chancel on the north side, on a mural marble monument adorned with arms, &c.

<sup>9</sup> See *Ross's manor*, in *Holt*;

<sup>1</sup> See in *Walsingham*.

*Memoria Sacra*  
*Vixit hoc marmor*  
*Gulielmi Fenn, Generosi*  
 Deo  
 et  
 Ecclesia } obsequentissimi filij.  
 Uxori suæ amantissimi mariti,  
 Liberis  
 et  
 Pauperibus. } indulgentissimi patris,  
 Qui cælo maturus suum mortale exiit  
 51<sup>o</sup>. die Januarij An. Dni. 1702. ætat. 50.

Arms, *argent*, on a fess, *azure*, three escallops, of the first, in a bordure, engrailed of the second.

*Orate p. a'ia Joh. Gime quo'da' vicarij de Houton.*

In the church and chancel there are several other stones, with inscriptions, relative to the *Fenns*. The following of whom are buried in their family vault, under the chancel :

*William Fenn, Gent. ob. 5, Jan. 1702, æt. 50.*

*Mary, widow of William Fenn, Gent. ob. 29, March, 1725, æt. 66.*

*Thomas Fenn, Gent. ob. 9, Dec. 1709, æt. 33.*

*William Fenn, Gent. ob. 18, Dec. 1710, æt. 29.* } sons of William  
*Ann, widow of William Fenn, Gent. ob. --, Sept. 1743.* } and Mary Fenn.

*John Fenn, Gent. ob. 15, Nov. 1741, æt. 34, son of William and Ann Fenn.*

*William Fenn, an infant, ob. Dec. 1741, son of John and Mary Fenn.*

In the chancel are buried likewise under a marble stone,

*Robert Swallow, Gent. ob. 25, June 1722, æt. 54.*

*Elizabeth, widow of Robert Swallow, and daughter of William and Mary Fenn, ob. 19, Jan. 1727, æt. 43.*

In the church were these arms, *azure* two bars wavy, *ermine*, *Holkham*. Of *St. Bennet's* of *Holme* abbey.—*Argent*, a chevron engrailed, *gules*, between three mullets, pierced, *or*—*Rugg*.

It was appropriated before the reign of *Edward I*.

## VICARS.

In 1330, *John Freyssel*, presented vicar by the prior of *St. Faith's*. 1372, *John de Bedingham*, by the King, it being a priory alien.

1372, *Richard Clement*. Ditto.

1375, *Robert Edyman*. Ditto.

1380, *William Hermer*. Ditto.

1386, *Robert Barber*, by the prior.

1394, *Edmund Lehere*, by the King.

1410, *Constant Heyward*.

*Robert Prat*.

1416, *John Loughburgh*, by the King.

- 1470, *John Bradfield*, the Bishop, by lapse.  
 1476, *John Fuller*, by the Bishop.  
 1496, *John Gime*, by the King.  
 1530, *Christopher Frost*. Ditto.  
 1551, Mr. *Thomas Steing*, by *Martin Hastings*, who then (it may be presumed) held the impropriate rectory, with the patronage of the vicarage.  
 1558, *John Walby*, by *Giles Mabbes*.  
*Leonard Metcalf*.

In the 6th of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Seafowle* had the inappropriated rectory, and advowson of the vicarage.

- 1576, *John Lamyng*, by *Thomas Sydney*.  
 1687, *Henry Gillet*, by *Henry Sydney*, Gent.  
*John Clithero* died vicar in 1717, and *Joshua Tompson* was presented by Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange*, Bart.  
 1731, *Henry Roberts*, by *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq.  
*Robert Nisbit*.

1740, *Christopher Pigg*, by *H. Lee Warner*, Esq.  
 1742, *Samuel Hemington*. Ditto.  
 Here was the gild of St. *Giles*, and of St. *Mary*.  
 In 1509, a legacy was given to the hermite of St. *Catherine* in this town.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were 16d.

## QUARLES.

IN the book of *Domesday*, it is wrote *Guervelei*, and was then held by *Turstin*, son of *Guido*, of *Roger Bigot*, and was a beruite belonging to the manor of *North Creke*, with one carucate of land, and 5 borderers, and valued in *Creke*.

The King's manor also of *Wighton* extended into this township, to which there belonged half a carucate of land; but at the survey it is said there was no land belonging to this part, and that there might be one carucate; the whole was 4 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and paid 6d. gelt, and called *Huerveles*."

*Turstin* abovementioned; son of *Guido*, was enfeoffed by *Roger Bigot* of *North Creke* manor, with this. He was ancestor of the family of *De Creke*, and in the beginning of *Henry* the Third's reign, the tenants of *Robert*, son of *Ralph Quarles*, held one half fee of the *Crekes*, and they of *Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*; and *Maud*, late wife of

<sup>2</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In *Guervelej* ten. Tustini filii Guidonis, i beruita que p'tinet i car. terre ad Creic. v bord. semp. i car. et c. in p'tio de Crehic.—Terra. Regis—Huerveles alia beruita que jacet man. de Wistunc, d. car. tre.

sed nichil e. ibi s. i car. poss. ibi. ee. et hab. iiii quar. in long. et iiii in lat. et vid. de gelto.

<sup>3</sup> Of the *Crekes*, and *Thorpe*, see in *North Creke*.



*Martin de Quaroeles*, in the 41st of that King, recovered seisin of certain tenements here, against *Thomas de Burgo*; and in his 49d year, a fine was levied between *Petronilla de Orwell*, of *Cambridgeshire*, and *Nicholas de Wharftes* and *Amabilia* his wife, by which *Petronilla* conveyed the advowson of the church of this town to *Nicholas*, and his wife, and *Petronilla* had rent here, granted to her. *William Quarles* was, in the reign of *Henry III.* a benefactor to *Creke abbey*.

*Sir John de Thorp* was Lord in the 35th of *Edward I.* and in the 4th of *Edward III.* *Edmund de Baconthorp* held it of *Robert de Thorp*, he of the *Bygots* Earls of Norfolk.

*Sir Stephen de Hales* aliened this manor with 145 acres of land, &c. in *Holcham*, and *Burnham*, with the rent of 10 marks, to *Creke abbey*, and in the 3d of *Henry IV.* the said abbey was found to hold a quarter of a fee, their temporalities, in 1428, being valued at 5*l.*

At the dissolution of that abbey, it was granted with it, *Ac. 22* of *Henry VII.* to *Margaret* Countess of *Richmond*, the King's mother, and on her founding of *Christ college*, in *Cambridge*, was settled by her on that society, and is held of that college, by lease, at this day.

Here is now a farm, or manor-house, only remaining, and was valued in the reign of King *William III.* at 120*l. per ann.*

THE CHURCH has been demolished many years, and was in ruins in 1571.

It was anciently a rectory, valued at 5 marks, and the vicarage, after its appropriation to *Creke abbey*, so valued, and in the patronage of that convent: *Peter-pence* were 7*d.*

## VICARS.

*Richard Buckenham* occurs vicar about 1900.

1910, sequestration of it granted to *Ed. Birston*, and in the said year, instituted vicar, presented by the abbot, &c. of *Creke*.

1930, *John Staloun*.

1939, *Ralph Pecks*.

1944, *Edmund de Birston*.

1993, *Nicholas Walsingham*; after this I find no institutions.

In the 35th of *Henry III.* *Ralph*, son of *Silurus* gave 28 acres of land to *Symen*, the prior, &c. of *Petreston*, and in the 12th of *Edward II.* *William Bulman* and *Cecilia* his wife, sold lands to them. The prior in the 20th of *Edward III.* held half a fee of *Beatrix de Creke*, as said, which the tenants of *Robert*, son of *Ralph de Quarles* formerly held, and their temporalities were valued at 47*s. 10d.* in 1428.

## STIVEKEY.

THE principal lordship of this town was granted to *Rainald* son of *Ivo*, a *Norman*, of which *Ketel* was Lord in *King Edward's* time, and deprived, 2 carucates of land then belonged to it, and 16 borderers, 3 servi, 3 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and one of the tenants, 2 mills; and when *Rainold* entered on it there were 3 horses, 30 cows, and 180 sheep; 5 acres with half a carucate of land belonged to the soc. Four socmen were also added to this manor with a carucate and an half of land, which the King gave him livery of; and 7 borderers, with 3 carucates and 2 acres of meadow, one mill, and the moiety of another; this was valued at 4*l.* and 4 tenants paid 40*s.* it was half a leuca long, and half broad, and paid 24*d.* gelt, and there was a church endowed with 30 acres, valued at 2*s.* per ann.\*

## TURTEVILE'S AND IRMINGLAND'S MANORS

Were held of the Earls of *Clare*, to which family the lands of *Rainold*, son of *Ivo*, descended.

A family who assumed their name from this village was early enfeoffed thereof. *Jeffrey* and *Hugh de Stivekey* lived in the reign of *Richard I.* and in the 4th year of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Philip de Stivekey*, and *Bartholomew de Stivekey*, of 15*l.* per ann. land in this town, *Warham*, and *Irestede*, in a plea of *warrantia charta*, whereby *Bartholomew* grants to *Philip* 4*l.* 0*s.* 8*d.* rent per ann. of the said land, held by *Philip* in *Warham*, &c. in tail, with 19*s.* 4*d.* land in this town, which *Beatrix* their mother held in dower, and the rest was to be *Bartholomew's*.

*William de Turteville*, and *Gratianna de Hevingham*, (or *Heveningham*.) grant that the land here, and of *Cokesford*, which *Jeffrey de Stivekey* their cousin died seized of, was held by knight's service, and that *Sibilla* his wife was to have a dower therein.

In the 2d of *Edward I.* and in the 11th of that King, *William de Hevingham*, and *John de Turteville* agreed to divide the estate of *Jeffrey* aforesaid, and to present alternately to the rectory of the church of *St. John Baptist*, in this town; from this arose the two manors of *Turteville's* and *Heveningham's*. *William de Hevingham* and *Isabel* his wife were living in the 31st of *Edward I.*

\* Terre Rainaldi filij Ivonis.—Stiveccaj ten. Ketel T. R. E. ii car tre mo. ten. Ran. sep xvi bor. tc iii s mo. iii iii ac pti. tc. ii car. in d'no et sep i car. broum. ii mol. tc mo. i qu. rec. iii eq. mo. iii et mo. ii an. qu. rec. xxx p' et mo. xii et qu. rec. clxxxov. et mo. cc xlvj. Soche jacent huic ville v ac, terre sep. d.

car tre huic man. additi sunt iii socm. tenet idem p. lib'atione regis i car. tre. et dim. vii bor. sep. iii car. ii ac. pti. et i mol. et dim. tc. val. ista villa iii lib. et ht. iii hoies. redd. xl sol. et mo. sim i lit. et ht. d. leug. long. et dim. lat. et xxiiii. de gelto. i eccla. xxx ac. et val. ii sol.

After this *Heveningham's* moiety came to the *Irminglands*, and *Ralph de Irmingland* presented to the church of *St. John Baptist*, in this town, as lord in 1327; *Ralph* and *Maud* his wife were living in the 5th and 12th of *Edward II.*

*Robert*, son of *William de Turteville* and *Alice* his wife, held a moiety in 13th of *Edward III.* and *Robert* presented to the church aforesaid; and in the 20th of that King, the said *Robert* and *Agnes de Irmingland*, widow, (and second wife to *Ralph*;) held one fee of the honour of *Clare*, which *William de Hevynham* formerly held.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Thomas Turteville*, and *William Irmingland* were lords.

After this the *Irminglands* moiety came to three sisters, and coheirs. — *Cecilia*, married to *Thomas Weston*, *Anne* to *Thomas Daubeny*,<sup>5</sup> and *Margaret* to *Jeremy Wodehouse*, Esq. 4th son of *Sir John Wodehouse*, of *Kimberley*, and after remarried to *John Usher*; and these daughters of *Richard Irmingland*, Esq. conveyed their right to *John Winter*, and *John Wynter*, Esq. presented as lord to the church of *St. John*, in 1491.

The other moiety, called *Turteville's*, was held by *William de Turteville* in 1383, and seems to be in *Sir William Yelverton* in 1458; and soon after it came to *John Winter*, Esq.<sup>6</sup>

In 1497, *Sir Henry Heydon* presented to the abovementioned church in right of *Turteville's* manor, and as guardian to *Henry*, son and heir of *John Winter*.

Both the moieties being thus united, the Lady *Margaret Winter* presented in 1504, and *Henry Winter*, Esq. in 1518.

In the 28th of *Henry VIII.* *John Winter*, Gent. conveyed it, with *Dorothy* his wife, to *Sir William Fermour*, of *East Barsham*, Knt. and *Thomas Fermour*, Esq. by indenture, November 4, in the 12th of *Elizabeth*, passed it to *Thomas Andrews* and his heirs, together with the lordships of *Stiffkey*, *Curlew*, *Est Hall*, &c. in this town, and 90 messuages, with the advowsons of the churches of *St. John Baptist* and *St. Mary's* of *Stiveky*; from whom it was conveyed to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord-keeper in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, who gave it to his son, *Sir Nathaniel Bacon*, Knt. of the Bath, by whose daughter and coheir, *Anne*, (married to *Sir John Townsend*, Knt. of *Rainham*) it came into the family and so continues, the Right Honourable *George Lord Viscount Townsend* being the present lord.

In 1764, *Mr. Osborne*, in his sale of books, had original court rolls of this manor, and that of *Eccles by the Sea*, then possessed by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord.

### CURLEW'S MANOR.

*Richard Curlew* was found to hold half a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, in the reign of *Henry III.* and *Alexander de Curlew* was impleaded about the 14th of *Edward I.* for 21 marks due on account of the pur-

<sup>5</sup> In the first year of *Richard III.* *Daubency*, *Weston*, and *Usher* conveyed their right in *Irmingland's* manor to *John Windham*, Esq. and others, by fine.

<sup>6</sup> *John Winter*, Esq. of *Berningham*, married *Alice*, daughter of — de *Turteville*.

chase of a manor here, which he had bought of *Richard de Dokkyng*, late rector of *Cockthorp*.

*Thomas de Curlew* conveyed it in the 7th of *Edward II.* to *William de Turteville*, and *Robert*, son of the said *William*, and *Alice* his wife, possessed it in the 13th of *Edward I.* and so became united to the manor of *Turteville*.

## EAST-HALL.

*Geffrey Est* was found in the 8th of *Edward II.* at his death, to have half a fee in this town, *Wells* and *Warham*; and in the 20th of *Edward III.* *Thomas Est* held it of *Robert Turteville*, he of *Richard Fitz-Simon*, who held of the Earl of *Clare*, formerly possessed by *William de Hengham*; and *John Est*, was lord of it in the 4th of *Henry IV.* after which it was united to *Turteville's* manor.

## STIVEKEY-HALL.

*William* the Conqueror was lord of a manor, out of which *Toke* had been ejected, of one carucate of land, and 11 borderers, 6 servi, a carucate and a half in demean, and one of the tenants, 5 cows, 12 swine, 200 sheep, &c. 2 acres of meadow, and the moiety of a mill. And there was a little lordship belonging to this manor that extended into *Wells*. They were valued in King *Edward's* reign at 4*l.* at the survey at 6*l.*

Part of *Stivekey* was also a beruite to the King's manor of *Alesham*, 4 borderers had in King *Edward's* time a carucate, and there was the same when *Godwin* received it, and half an acre of meadow; this was valued in *Alesham*.<sup>7</sup>

All this was managed for the King, by *Godwine*, who was his steward, and all belonged to *Toke* before the Conquest. The King, had also in his own hands half a carucate of land here, belonging to his manor of *Wighton*.

All these possessions abovementioned remained some time in the Crown; the first that I find in possession of them, and held them in capite, was *William de Wendevale*, a Norman, whose brother, *Robert*, dying s. p. they escheated to the Crown, and were granted to the Earl of *Pembroke*, &c.

## STIFFEKEY MANOR.

*William de Valentia*, half brother to King *Henry III.* and Earl of *Pembroke*, had a grant of this united manor, belonging to the Crown in the 32d of the said King, and a confirmation of it in his 35th year, to be held by the accustomed services, by half a fee; to it belonged

<sup>7</sup> Terra Regis qua Godric servat.—  
Stivecai ten. Toka ht. ii car. t're et sep.  
xi bord tc. vi ser. et p. et mo. ii semp.  
i car. et dim. in d'nio. tc. i car. hou'm.  
p. i car. hou' mo. d. v anim. xii porc.  
cc ov. silva viii por ii ac. p'ti. et dim.  
mol.

Et huic ville jacet i beruita Quella  
T.R.E. &c. t'nc. val. iiii lib. mo. redd?  
vi lib. Et Stivecai i beruita q. p'tinet ad  
Helegka iiii bord. T.R.E. i car. et q'n.  
q. recep. et mo. d. car. dim. ac. p'ti.  
hoc totu' p'tinet ad Helesha et app'atur.  
Terra Regis in Stivecai dim. car. t're.

a lete, assise of bread and beer, view of frank pledge, &c. and the advowson of St. Mary's church in this town.\*

*Aymer de Valentia* Earl of Pembroke, his son, inherited it, on whose death, in 1323, it descended to *David de Strabolgi* Earl of Athol in Scotland, in right of his wife; on whose death, in the 20th of *Edward II.* it came to his son *David*, who being a rebel, and in the Scots army, King *Edward III.* granted it, April 4, in his 9th year, to Sir *Walter Manny*, Knt. who presented, as lord, to the church of St. Mary in 1349 and 1352. He held it till *David*, the 3d Earl of Athol, was of age, who dying possessed of it, and of *Holcham*, in the 49th of *Edward III.* left issue, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Henry Lord Ferrers of Groby*, two daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, who married Sir *Thomas Percy*, a younger son of *Henry Lord Percy*, who had by her the lordship of *Holcham* and *Possewyke*; and *Philippa*, or *Mary*, who married Sir *Ralph Percy*, brother of Sir *Thomas*, and had this lordship and that of *West Lexham*; she surviving Sir *Ralph*, remarried Sir *John Halsham*, lord in her right, in the 12th of *Richard II.*

*John Halsham* presented as lord in 1413; and Sir *Hugh Halsham* dying lord in the 20th of *Henry VI.* and having no issue by *Petronilla* his wife, this lordship came to *Joan*, daughter and heir to his brother, *Richard Halsham*, wife of *John Lewkenor*, Esq. from whom it came to Sir *Jeffrey Bouleyne*, Knt. and Lord Mayor of London, in 1457, whose son, *Thomas Boleyn*, presented to St. Mary's church in 1461, and 1463, as did *Will. Boleyn*, Esq. his brother, in 1474, &c. and Sir *James Boleyn* in 1542.

After this, *James Calthorp*, Esq. had an interest herein; but in the year 1564, *John Baynard* appears to be lord, who, with *Edmund Baynard*, sold it in the 13th of Queen *Elizabeth*, to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper, and he gave it to his 2d son, Sir *Nathaniel Bacon*, who, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of Sir *Thomas Gresham*, left 3 daughters and coheirs; and by *Anne*, the eldest, it came in marriage to Sir *John Townsend* of *Reynham*, and the Right Honourable *George Lord Viscount Townsend* is the present lord.

Sir *Nicholas* built the hall or manor-house, in 1604; on the gateway are his arms, with those of his last wife. The tenths were 8*l.* Deducted 20*s.*

In this village are two churches, St. John Baptist's and St. Mary's; that there was a church at the conquest, endowed with 30 acres, appears from *Domesday* book.

This church belonged to *Ralph*, son of *Ivo*, and so to the honour of *Clure*, and was afterwards (if not then) dedicated to St. John Baptist. It was a rectory, anciently valued at 20 marks, and paid Peter-pence 1*s.* 6*d.* The present valor is 18*l.* 8*s.* 4*d.*

## RECTORS.

*Robert Turteville* occurs rector in the 13th of *Edward II.*

1327, *Will. de Horseford* was instituted rector, presented by *Ralph de Irmingland*, hac vice. In the 12th of *Edward II.* a fine was levied and *William Storm* settled this manor and advowson (as a trustee probably) on *Ralph* and *Agnes* his wife.

\* See Dugd. Baron. vol. i. 774, and vol. ii. p. 95.

- 1339, *Henry de Norton*, by *Robert Turteville*.  
 1349, *William Storm*, by *John de Irmingland*.  
 1383, *John Batte*, by *William de Turteville*, of *Stivekey*.  
 1408, *John Irmingland*, by *William Irmingland*.  
 1458, *John Fyncham*, by *William Yelverton*, one of the justices of the King's Common Pleas.  
 1464, *Gilbert Skynner*, by *Oliver Calthorp*, Esq.  
     *Thomas Newman*.  
 1491, *Robert Brampton*, by *John Wynter*, Esq.  
 1497, *William Charles*, by *Sir Henry Heydon*, in right of *Turteville's* manor, as guardian to *Henry*, son of *John Wynter*.  
 1504, *Jeffrey Knight*, S. T. P. by *Lady Margaret Wynter*.  
 1518, *William Harward*, by *Henry Wynter*, Esq.  
 1531, *Robert Child*. Ditto.  
 1554, *Thomas Howe*, by *Sir William Fayremour*, Knt.  
 1558, *Andrew Cole*. Ditto.  
 1559, *William Brownsmith*, by *John Baynard*, Gent.  
     *John Yates* occurs rector, 1622.  
     And *John Percival* occurs rector, 1600.  
 1736, *Theophilus Low*, on the death of *William Wilson*, by Lord *Townsend*.

In the north side of the church of *Stivekey* (as *Weaver* says) lie entombed *John Calthorp*, Esq; and *Alice Ermingland* his wife, with their portraits; the monument defaced.

Also these arms; *gules*, on a fess, between six billets, *argent*, three *Cornish* choughs, *sable*, *Irmingland*.—*Calthorp*—*Bacon*—*L'Estrange*.—*Masculy*, *gules* and *ermin*, *de la Rokeley*.—*Sable*, a chevron, between three lioncels rampant, *argent*, *Reymes*.—*Cheque*, *or* and *sable*, a fess of the first, *Winter*.—*Gules*, four bars, gemell, *or*, on a canton, *azure*, five billets, *sable*, *Inglois*.—*Or*, three pallets, *sable* (quere, if not *Barsham*?) quarters, *argent*, a chevron engrailed, between three leopards heads, *or*.—On the outside of the porch, in freestone, *Irmingland* and *Daubency*, *gules*, 5 fusils in fess, *argent*, and 2 martlets in chief.

The other church was also a rectory, dedicated to *St. Mary*, and paid *Peter-pence*, 9*d.* ob. and valued at 10 marks. The present valor is 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

## RECTORS.

- 1310, *Walter Alexander* instituted, presented by *Audom. de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*.  
 1317, *Alexander de Synton*. Ditto.  
 1333, *Bartholomew de Salle*, by *David de Strabolgy* Earl of *Athol*.  
 1349, *Thomas de Ellerton*, by *Sir William Manny*.  
 1358, *William de Ellerton*. Ditto.  
 1375, *William Parker*, by the King, on the minority of *Elizabeth* and *Mary*, daughters of *David de Strabolgi*.  
 1413, *Guy Childerhouse*, by *John Halsham*.  
 1461, *Robert Skidby*, by *Thomas Boleyn* and *Richard Poringland*.  
 1463, *Henry Wyffray*, by *Thomas Boleyn* and *Robert Dokkyng*.  
 1474, *Nicholas Clerk*, by *William Boleyn*, Esq.  
 1486, *Robert Stoke*, by *Sir William Boleyn*.

*John Fevre.*

1505, *John Richard*, by *Sir William, &c.*

1542, *Edmund Neve*, by *Sir James Boleyn.*

1557, *James Calthorp*, by *James Calthorp, Esq.*

1558, *William Brownsmith.* Ditto.

1564, *William Frost*, by *John Baynard, Esq.*

1568, *Stephen Nevinson*, LL.D. by the Bishop, a lapse.

1571, *Thomas Green*, by *John Baynard, Esq.*

1574, *John Percival*, by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, keeper of the great seal.

1622, *John Yates*, by *Sir Nathaniel Bacon.*

1658, *William Mitchel*, by *Mildmay Fenn.*

1679, *William Harmer*, by the Right Honourable Lord *Townsend.*

1702, *William Wilson*, by *Charles Lord Townsend.*

1736, *Theophilus Low*, on *William Wilson's* death, by Lord *Townsend.*

In these churches were the guilds of *St. John*, *St. Mary*, *St. Michael*, —and *St. Andrew.*

The temporalities of *Bynham* priory were 20s. —Of *Petreston*, 6s. 8d. and of *Walsingham*, 3s. 2d.

*Sti* gives names to several towns; *Stiberd* in *Norfolk*, *Stiford* and *Stistead* in *Essex*, and *Stivechall* in *Warwickshire.*

## GREAT SNORING.

THE Conqueror, on the ejection of *Ketel*, took possession of this lordship, consisting of 3 carucates of land, one villain, and 22 borderers, 9 servi, 3 carucates in demean, with 3 carucates of the tenants, paunage for 8 swine, 8 acres of meadow, a mill, and 180 sheep: Godric took care of it for the King, and was steward of it. *Thursford* was a beruite to it, and was measured together with it, as I shall shew there. It stands by a little stream or rivulet, called probably in the Saxon age, the *Nar* or *Snar*, as *Little Snoring* does on another, both which streams are soon after united.

How long this lordship continued in the Crown does not appear; that it was in the family of *De Burgiloun*, in the 41st of *Henry III.* we find by a pleading, when *William de Burgiloun*, was plaintiff against *Alexander le Sergeant, &c.* for disseising him of his common pasture in *Snoring*; and before this, in the 16th of *Henry III. Richard*, son of *Geffrey de Esnaringes* owed 40 marks for 2 knights fees, which *Robert de Burguillon* disseized him of, *Robert* granting to *Geffrey* 18 of them.

⁊ Terra Alani Godric. servat. —  
Snaringa ten. Ketel T. R. E. mo. rex.  
iii car t're t'nc. et mo. i vill. et xxii bord.  
tc. viiii ser. mo. viiii t'nc. iii car. in

d'no. p. et mo. ii sep. iii car ho'um. tc.  
et mo. silva viii por. viii ac. p'ti. i mol.  
sep. xxx por. p. et mo. clxxx ova.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* *William de Berguillon* was found to hold this town and *Thursford*, of the Lord *Bardolf*, valued at 30*l.* per ann. by the service of 20*s.* with half a fee in *Hindringham*, the fourth part of one in *Felbrig*, and the third part of one in *Kerdeston*; and *Walter* was his son and heir, under age. And in the 14th of that King, *Robert de Burgolyon* claimed the assise of bread and beer, and died about the 20th of that King, then a knight.

This Sir *Robert* had by *Sarah* his wife, a son *Robert*, against whom, *Walter*, prior of *Binham*, brought his action about right of common, in the 24th of *Edward I.* Sir *Robert Burgolyon* was lord in the 15th of *Edward II.* and dying then possessed of a moiety of this lordship, *Sarah* his mother held the other moiety as part of her dower; and *Hugh* was his son and heir, aged 12 years. And in the following year on the death of *Sarah* his grandmother, he had the whole manor.

In 1322, the Lady *Joan de Burgolyon* presented to the rectory of this church. Sir *Ralph Shelton* of *Shelton* in *Norfolk*, was his cousin and heir, and presented to this church, as lord, in 1353, was at the battle of *Cressy*, &c. and buried in the church of *Shelton*, in 1375. Sir *Ralph*, his son, was lord in the reign of *Richard II.* and *William Shelton* and *Catharine* his wife,<sup>1</sup> daughter of *Simon Barrct*, presented in 1420. This *William* was brother to Sir *Ralph*. In 1432, the King presented, on the minority of *Ralph*, son and heir, of *John Shelton*, Esq. and the said *Ralph* presented in 1459; he married *Margaret*, daughter of *Robert Clere* of *Ormesby*, by whom he had Sir *John Shelton*, his son and heir, who died lord of this town and of *Thursford*, in 1539; by *Anne* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Boleyn* of *Blickling*; he had Sir *John* his successor, who by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of *Henry Parker* Lord *Morley*, left Sir *Ralph Shelton*, who had livery of this lordship, with those of *Thurston*, *Shelton*, &c.

*Thomas Shelton*, Esq. was son and heir of Sir *Ralph*, by *Mary* his wife, daughter of Sir *William Woodhouse* of *Waxham*; he was gentleman porter of the *Tower of London*, and married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Edward Flowerdew*, a baron of the *Exchequer*, and was succeeded in the inheritance by his brother, Sir *Ralph Shelton*, who married *Dorothy*, daughter of Sir *Robert Jermyn*, of *Rushbrook* in *Suffolk*: he was killed at the isle of *Rhé* in *France*, in 1628, and died *s. p.*

This Sir *Ralph* sold this lordship, with that of *Thursford*, about the year 1611, to *Thomas Richardson*, Esq. serjeant at law, afterwards lord chief justice of the King's Bench.

This sale gave rise to a joke or pun, that is said to be made by Sir *Ralph*, which was, "That he could sleep without Snoring."

Sir *Thomas Richardson*, son of the lord justice, enjoyed it.

In 1695, *James Ward*, Gent. of *Hindringham*, was lord, who gave it with *Thursford-Schelton's*, to Mr. *Nun* of *Thorpland*, who held it in 1715.

The tenths were 5*l.* Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and is a rectory, anciently valued at 40 marks, and paid *Peter-pence*, 16*d.* ob. The present valor is 24*l.* in the King's books, and pays first fruits and tenths.

<sup>1</sup> *William Shelton* died lord in the 9th of *Henry III.* as by the Esq. 9th of *Henry V.* and *John Shelton*, Esq. chest Rolls.



## RECTORS.

*William de Calthorp* was rector about the reign of *Edward I.*  
*Michael le Brett*, occurs rector about 1292.

1307, *William de Barsham* instituted, presented by the Lady *Joan de Burgolioun*.

1353, *John Kentford*, by Sir *Ralph de Shelton*.

1354, *Thomas Rous*, by the King, who recovered it from Sir *Ralph*.

1369, *John de Freton*, (he was archdeacon of Norfolk, &c.) by Sir *Ralph Shelton*, junior.

1375, *John Granew*, by Sir *Edmund de Thorp*, &c.

1413, *John Tolle*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, &c.

1420, Mr. *Simon Barret*, LL.B. by *William Schelton*, Esq. and *Catherine* his wife.

1432, *Stephen Multon*, by *Catherine*, relict of *William Schelton*, Esq.

1432, Mr. *Thomas Frynge*, by the King, on the minority of the heir of *John Schelton*, Esq. rector also of *Winterton*.

1444, Mr. *Richard Appulby*, LL.B. by the King.

1444, *Thomas Brigg*, by the King.

1459, *John Fowler*, by *Ralph Shelton*.

1467, *Thomas Smith*. Ditto.

1484, Mr. *Symon Driver*, decretor. doctor, by the feoffees of *Ralph Shelton*.

1517, Mr. *Richard Schelton*, by Sir *John Shelton*.

1539, *William Rawling*. Ditto.

1546, Mr. *John Willoughby*, M.D. by *Anne*, relict of Sir *John Shelton*, and Sir *John Shelton*.

1554, *Hugh Smyfte*. Ditto.

1554, *Robert Pyerson*. Ditto.

1572, *Richard Gawton*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1577, *Richard West*, by *Thomas Dalymond*, *hac vice*.

1610, *Robert Pearson* S.T.P. (he was archdeacon of *Suffolk*) by Sir *Ralph Shelton*.

1639, *Edward Debbs*; he was sequestered, and was forced to fly to the King's army, and

*David Anderson*, an usurper, was in possession in 1655.

• *Thomas Chapman* occurs rector in 1662.

*Thomas Verdon*, S.T.B. by *Samuel Verdon*, Gent.

About this time *Robert Heblethwayte* is said to be rector.

1690, *Nathaniel Rothwell*, by Sir *Christopher Hutton*, Bart.

1710, *Thomas Langford*, S.T.B. by the master and fellows of *St. John's* college, *Cambridge*.

1734, *Robert Leake*, presented by *St. John's* college, *Cambridge*.

1762, *Andrew Alois*. Ditto.

The Lord *Richardson* sold the advowson to *Samuel Verdon*, Gent. who gave it to his half brother, the Reverend *Thomas Verdon*, fellow of *St. John's* college, and rector of this church, who sold it to the said society, and there is a manor belonging to the rectory.

The church has a nave with a south isle, and chancel covered with lead; at the west end is a square tower, with a spire, covered with lead, and one bell, with a saint's bell.

In the chancel, north of the communion table, lies a gray marble, with the portraitures of a knight and his lady in brass, and in his coat armour; at his feet, a lion couchant, at her's a dog; on the upper part of the stone the arms of *Shelton*, *azure*, a cross, or, impaling *Burgolyon*, quarterly, or and *gules*, in the 2d and 3d quarter, three annulets, *argent*; also *Shelton* impaling *argent*, a cross moline, *gules*, *Uvedale*, over all a bend, *sable*; at their feet, *Burgolyon*, impaling per pale, or and *gules*, a lion passant, *Plaiz*; *argent* *Burgolyon* and *Shelton*.

The legend round the verge

*Orate p. a'i'ab; Radulfi Shelton, militis, et Domine Alicie uxoris ejus, filie Thome de Uvedal, militis, qui quidem Radulfus, obi. xxv die Apr. Ao. m. cccc. xxiii.*

Here also was an altar tomb, with a marble stone thereon, and the portraitures of Sir John Heveningham and his lady, *Alice*, daughter of Sir Ralph Shelton; under him were 3 sons, and under her two daughters, all which are reaved and obliterated.

Against the north wall, a neat marble monument, thereon a man and his wife kneeling at a foldstool, in their ruffs.

*Memoria sacrum — Hic jacet Robs. West, S.T.P. (et Margareta uxor ejus) qui natus fuit apud Louthe in comitat. Lincolnia, qui rector fuit hujus ecclesie annos 30, et rector eccles. de Fakenham 33 annos, obi. 24 die Junij Ao. D'ni. 1610, annoq; etatis 74.*

Against the south wall, a mural monument ornamented with books, lamps, festoons, arms, &c.

*Hic jacet sepultus Edwardus Fenn de Houghton, ecclesie Christi presbiter, et aliquot annis hujusce curatus, Willi. et Mariae generosi filius. Annis hunc florentibus abstulit atropos, et alter fit libitinae triumphus, cujus præda jacet, antea duobus brevi fratribus adeptis eodem pharetræ telo: variolis nempe undeq; hunc grassantibus; omnium festina funera, heu miraq; strages invadæ mortis huic fatalis domo Hic familie perquam crescens gloria, cui fuit spes ingens et decus: fortunæ fortunatus quas brevi reliquit, hunc imminente fato locum sepulturæ designavit. Ipse perquam diligens, multumq; parochianis dilectus, munere sacro, sive pastoris officio fuerat perfunctus: celebs hinc adibat beator. sedes. Obi. 21 Feb. 1710, etatis 33.*

On a monument, and on a stone near it on the pavement, are his arms; *argent* on a fess, *azure*, three escallops of the first, within a bordure engrailed of the 2d; — crest, a plume of three ostrich's feathers, *argent*.

In a south window of the chancel, were *Kerdeston's* arms, impaling *Burgolyon*, *Shelton* impaling *Barrei*, *argent*, a fess between three mullets, *sable*; and *Loudham*, *argent*, three escotcheons, *sable*.

In many windows about the church were the arms of Sir Ralph Shelton, impaling *Uvedale*, who were probably the builders of or benefactors to the present church, in the reign of Henry VI.

In the window was also the effigies of Sir Thomas Erpingham in armour, with his arms, and crest, a plume of ostrich's feathers, *argent*, issuing out of a coronet, *gules*, with his motto, *Pinche*, or *Pinke*; and in the steeple window, those of *Elmhām*, *Calthorp*, *Uvedale*, &c.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, *St. Margaret*, *St. Jahn Baptist*, and the chapel of *All-Saints*

Sir *Stephen de Hales*, &c. aliened to the prior of *Walsingham*, lands and tenements in this town, *Warham*, *Walsingham*, &c. in the 8th of *Richard II.* and their temporalities in 1428, were 6s. 10d.

In this town was also a little lordship called *Snoring's*, held by a family of that name. In the 13th of *Edward IV.* a fine was levied between *Edmund Bedingfield*, Esq. and *Robert Clere*, Esq. querents, *John Snoring* and *Juliana* his wife, deforciant, of the manor called *Jeffrey Snoring's* manor; and lands in *Snoring Magna* and *Parva*, &c. conveyed to *Robert Clere* from the heirs of *Juliana*.

## THURSFORD

WAS a beruite to *Snoring Magna*. There belonged to *Snoring* manor 40 acres of land, at the survey, a carucate, one borderer, 2 acres of meadow, a mill, and 27 socmen, with 5 carucates; and in *Thursford*, 5 socmen had 60 acres of land with half a carucate, and 3 freemen 3 carucates of land, &c. valued at 8l. in King *Edward's* time: at the survey paid 11l. 10s. 8d. as a fine or income: it was, with *Snoring*, one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 24d. gelt.<sup>a</sup> It was then the King's manor, and *Godric* was his steward of it, but *Ketel* was lord before, and deprived at the conquest.

It seems to take its name from its ford, or pass over the water, of the *Thur*, on which it stands, being wrote in *Domesday* book *Turesfort*.

*William Burgolion* had the lete of his tenants in this town and *Snoring Magna*, of the feofment of Sir *William de Ken*, by the charter of *Henry II.*

The family of *Burgolion* held this lordship as a member or beruite to *Snoring Magna*, from whom it passed to the *Sheltons*, the *Richardsons*, &c. and was held by Mr. *Neen*, in 1715, as is mentioued in *Snoring Magna*.

The prior of *Bynham's* manor of *Berney* extended into this town, which, on the dissolution of the convent, was granted to *Thomas, Paston*, Esq. November 15, in the 33d of *Henry VIII.*

In the 15th of *Edward I.* the prior had the assise of bread and beer, and amercements of his men. In Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, it was possessed by the *Huydons* of *Baconsthorp*, and afterwards by Sir *Thomas Guybon*, Knt. descended from *Tho. Guybon*, Esq. of *North Lynn*, who by *Agnes* his 2d wife, daughter of *Walter Baspole*, of *Norfolk*, Gent. had *William Guybon* of *Watlington*, Gent. who married *Elizabeth*,

<sup>a</sup> Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat  
Turesfort i beruita p'tinet ad  
hanc villam xl ac. t're. et p. et mo. i car.  
i bor. ii ac. p'ti. i mol. xxvii sokem. ja-  
cent huic man. i car. t're. sep. iiii car.

et in Tureforde v sak. lx ac. t're. semp.  
d. car. et iii lib. ho'es iii car. t're. sep.  
i car. tc. val. viii lib. mo. reddit xi lib.  
x sol. et viiid. de gersum. et bt. i leu.  
long. et dim. lat. et xxiuid. de gelto.

daughter of *Thomas Drury*, Gent. of *Fincham*, and left a son and heir, *Sir Thomas Guybon*, who was lord of this manor, and died in 1666, and was succeeded by his 3d and only son, then living, *Francis*, afterwards a knight, and died lord, *January 23, 1704*, and was here buried by *Sarah* his wife, daughter of *Joachim Matthews*, of *Great Gobions*, in *Haveringe* parish in *Essex*, Esq. and sister of *Sir Philip Matthews*, Bart. he had 4 sons and 2 daughters; *William*, the eldest, married ——— daughter and coheir of *Mr. Napps of Wells*, by whom he had *William*, who took to wife ———, daughter of *Mr. Brereton of Brunton*; and after *Mr. Guybon's* decease, this lordship was sold by his executors, to *George Chad*, Esq. recorder of *Lynn*, the present possessor of it.

The church is dedicated to *St. Andrew*, and is a rectory; its ancient valor was 10 marks. Peter-pence 1 *id. ob.* The present valor is *8l.*

## RECTORS.

In 1309, *John de Narings* was instituted, presented by the Lady *Sarah de Burgolyon*.

1321, *Thomas de Brecham*. Ditto

1322, *Thomas de Eggefeld*, by *Joan*, late wife of *Sir Robert de Burgolion*.

1349, *Richard Lawes*, by *Sir Ralph de Schelton*.

1374, *John de Honyng*, by *Sir William de Kerdeston*, Knt.

1375, *William de Elerton*. Ditto.

1393, *Thomas Smith*, by *Sir Ralph Schelton*.

1394, *John Tolle*. Ditto.

1413, *Mr. James Walsingham*, the Bishop's chancellor, by *Sir Thomas Erpingham*, &c.

1432, *John Clerk* by *Catherine*, relict of *William Shelton*, Esq.

1439, *John Knyght*, by the King.

1440, *William Wright*, by the King, on the minority of *Ralph*, son of *John Schelton*, Esq. in right of *Snoring Magna* manor.

1455, *John Duste*, S. T. B. by *Ralph Shelton*, Esq.

1459, *John Styward*. Ditto.

1471, *Thomas Scrowtoby*. Ditto.

1512, *William May*.

1518, *William Cowper*, by *Sir John Shelton*.

1533, *Laurence Sherman*. Ditto.

*John Burrell*, rector.

1554, *William Betts*, by *Anne*, relict of *Sir John Shelton*.

1557, *Henry Chamberleyn*, by *John Shelton*, Esq.

1569, *Gregory Weston*, by the assigns of *Ralph Shelton*, Esq.

*Thomas Giles*, rector, compounded for first fruits in *May, 1604*.

1611, *Thomas Porter*, S. T. B. by *Thomas Richardson*, serjeant at law.

*Thomas Wilson*, rector, compounded in *May, 1617*.

1626, *Nicholas Holman*. Ditto.

1661, *Alexander Anderson*, by *Thomas Richardson*, Lord *Cramond*.

1666, *Samuel Leader*. Ditto.

1700, *Nathaniel Rothwell*, by master and fellows of *St. John's college, Cambridge*.

1710, *Thomas Langford*, S. T. B. by the master and fellows of *St. John's college, Cambridge*.

1734, *Robert Leake*. Ditto.

1762, Reverend Mr. *Alwis*, the present rector.

The CHURCH and chancel are covered with lead, and has a square tower with two bells.

In the chancel is a monument of black and white marble, with iron rails before it.

*M. S. Domino Thomæ Guybon, equiti aurato, Gulielmi filio Humfridi, - - - - - ex antiquissima Guybonorum gente tertio. vicicōmiti, sub Carolo primo et secundo regibus, eirenarchiæ, viro per omnia integerrimo, erga Deum piissimo, ecclesiam orthodoxo, regem et monarchiam maxime devoto, patriam bone merito, vicinos benevolo, seipsum sobrio, omnes humano. Qui temporibus democraticis philobasilis, perfidis fidelis; et ob singularem fidem in principem et patriam non semel afflicto, afflictis patiens, dubiis prudens, arduis constans, turbidis tranquillus, malis bonus, bonis optimus, omnibus æquus.*

*Franciscus Guybon filius natu maximus ex testamento solus executor, ipsius monitu hoc monumentum P. P. — Abi et imitare.*

Here lyeth the body of Sir Tho. Guybon, knight, son of William Guybon of Watlington, Esq. grandson of Humfry Guybon, Esq. high sheriff of Norfolk, 88 Eliz. married Barbara, eldest daughter of Sir William de Grey, of Merton in Norfolk, knight, and by her had issue, 3 sons, and as many daughters, viz. William his eldest son, married Mercy, one of the daughters of Sir Philip Parker the elder, of Arwarton in Suffolk, knight, and by her had issue, Thomas, his only son, and Barbara his only daughter, which Thomas died in the lifetime of his father, unmarried. Francis yet living; Barbara, his eldest daughter, died young and unmarried; Ann married with Robert Hall of Heigham, near Norwich, Esq; Mary yet living. A man of a most modest and harmless conversation, humble in prosperity, courteous, discreet, hospitable and exactly just, and upright to all men, by which virtues he preserved himself safe in the worst of times, after 66 years near spent, whereof 52 in happy marriage, he died the 29th of May, 1668.

On this is the arms of Guybon, or, a lion rampant, sable, on a bend over all, gules, three escallops, argent, impaling De Grey, azure, a fess between two chevronels, or, &c.

In the chancel lies an old gravestone in French,

*De terre je suis faire et formé et à la terre je suis retourné - - - - -  
Ellertune nom apellé parsonne de Thursford, estois, J'eu ave de moy pité.*

This in memory of William de Ellerton, who died rector in 1393.

In the church and chancel were the arms of Shelton, Stanhow, Calthorp, Woodhouse of Hickling, Butts, and Buers, Burgulion; and gules, six dexter hands coupéd, argent, Wauncy; Shelton, quartering Illey, Burgulion and Cockfield.

Walsingham temporalities were 5s. 10d. Bynham priory temporalities for their manor 5l. 8s. in 1428.

The tenths were 47s. 4d. Deducted 15s. 4d.

## W A R H A M,

So called from its site by a river, and a watery place or *Ham*; thus *Warham* in *Dorsetshire*, *Ware* in *Hertfordshire*, &c.

*Walter Giffard* had half a carucate of land, which belonged to two freeman, who held it in King *Edward's* reign, under *Gert*, when there was a borderer, and two carucates of land also, but at the survey a carucate and a half; valued as before at 16s.<sup>3</sup>

*Gert* was (as I take it) a younger son of the great Earl *Godwine*, brother to King *Harold*, slain with him at the battle of *Hastings*; and on his death, granted to *Walter Giffard*, created Earl of *Buckingham*, by the Conqueror.

In this town there were also resident 19 socmen, with 2 carucates of land, and the moiety of a mill belonging to the manor of *Well*, held by *Ketel*, before the Conquest, and by *Aldit*, at the survey, who was lord also of *Well*,<sup>4</sup> out of which *Ketel* had been ejected, (as I shall there observe,) wherein it was valued, &c.

### WARHAM-HALL MANOR.

How long *Aldit* enjoyed it does not appear; it is probable it came soon after to the said *Walter Giffard*, or his son *Walter*; Earl of *Bucks*, who dying s. p. *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Hertford*, &c. (descended from *Robais*, sister and coheir of the said *Walter*, who married *Richard Fitz Gilbert*, alias *De Clare*) ancestor of the Earls of *Hertford* and *Clare*, &c. inherited the same in the reign of King *Richard I.*

In the 32d of *Henry III.* *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hertford* granted to his brother, *William de Clare*, this lordship, with that of *Wells*, &c; and in the 35th of that King, the abbot of *Fonteney*, in *Normandy*, gave to *William* the advowson of the church of *Wells*;<sup>5</sup> he is said to be poisoned in the second of the said reign, and on his death, this united manor came to his brother *Richard*.

*Gilbert* Earl of *Clare* and *Gloucester* being slain at *Bannocksburne* in *Scotland*, in the 7th of *Edward II.* his inheritance was divided between his three sisters and coheirs; *Margaret*, the wife of *Piers de Gaveston*, (King *Edward* the Second's great favourite,) remarried to *Hugh de Audley* Earl of *Gloucester*; *Alianore*, the wife of *Hugh le Despencer*, junior; and *Elizabeth*, wife of *John de Burgh*, son and heir of *Richard* Earl of *Ulster*, in *Ireland*: and in 1328, *William le*

<sup>3</sup> Tr'e. Walti Giffardi—In Warham ten. Gert ii lib'os ho'es. mo. ten. Walt. Gifard p. dim. car. t're. sep. i bor. tc. et p. ii car. mo. car. et dim. tc. val. xvi sol et p. et mo.

<sup>4</sup> Terra Aldit—xviii soc. ii car. tre.

et dim. mol. et hij ho'es manent in Warham et p'tinent in Guella.

<sup>5</sup> William granted to this abbot the church of Warham, and so it was by exchange.

*Zouche* Lord of *Glamorgan*, presented to the church of *All-Saints* in this town, as lord in right of *Alianore* his wife, late the wife of *Hugh le Despencer*, the younger; and in 1341, *Hugh le Despencer* Lord *Glamorgan*.

In 1389, *Elizabeth*, Lady *Despencer*, and in 1406

*Thomas* Lord *Despencer*, Earl of *Gloucester*, dying in the first of *Henry* IV. left *Richard*, his son, who departing this life without issue in 1414, *Isabel*,<sup>6</sup> his sister and heir, brought it to *Richard Beauchamp* Earl of *Warwick*.

*Henry Beauchamp* Duke of *Warwick* left it to his daughter and heir, *Anne*, who dying s. p. a minor, it came, in the 27th of *Henry* VI. to her aunt and heir, *Anne*, the wife of *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Warwick*, slain at *Barnet* field.

His inheritance being settled on his two daughters, *Isabel* and *Anne*, by parliament, *Isabel*, wife of *George* Duke of *Clarence*, and *Anne*, of *Richard* Duke of *Gloucester*, (afterwards King of *England*,) who possessed this; and on his death, King *Henry* VII. restored this lordship, &c. to *Anne*, the Countess Dowager of *Warwick*, who conveyed it, &c. to the said King, from whom it descended to King *Henry* VIII.

It afterwards was in the *Howards* family, and *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surry*, in the second year of King *James* I. aliened it to *Edmund Doyly*, Esq. on April 2; from the *Doylys* it came to the *Berneys*, and so to the *Turners*: Sir *John Turner*, Bart. being the present lord.

#### NORTHALL MANOR.

Part of this town, and part of *Wells*, belonged to the King's manor of *Wighton*, who had one carucate of land in these towns, and there might be made up another, and this was valued, &c. in *Wighton*; see there.

The King had also in *Warham* half a carucate of land, an acre of meadow, valued at 2s. 6d. and this is said to belong to his manor of *Holt*.<sup>7</sup>

I take this to be that lordship which King *Henry* I. granted to *Robert*, son of *Ernisius*, whose son, *Eudo*, held it, and *Robert Eudo's* son rebelling against King *John*, he, by letters patents, dated September 15, in his 10th year, gave it to *Geff. Fitz Piers* Earl of *Essex*, with lands in *Wells* and *Massingham*,<sup>8</sup> &c. and in *Hatfield-Peverel*, and *Depeden*, in *Essex*, forfeited by the statute *De terris Normannorum*, whose sons *Geff.* and *William de Magnavile*, both Earls of *Essex*, by his first wife, inherited and held it by one fee, of the honour of *Gloucester*.

On their demise s. p. it came to *John Fitz John*, descended by a second wife, from the aforesaid *Geff. Fitz Peter*, who held it in the 4th of *Edward* I.

*Richard Fitz John* enjoyed it on his brother's death, being a baron of the realm, and granted it A°. 6 of *Edward* I. to Sir *Thomas de*

<sup>6</sup> Isabel died 18th of *Henry* VI. seized of this manor and advowson.

<sup>7</sup> Terra Regis.—In *Guarham* et in *Guelle* i car. tre 13 i car possetce. et in

*Quarham* dim. car. tre. i ac. pii. et val. ii sol. et dim. hoc totu. p'tinet in *Holt*.

<sup>8</sup> See in *Massingh. Ma.*

*Weyland*, and his estate being confiscated, &c. it came to the Crown, and remained till King *Edward II.* gave it to Sir *Walter de Norwich* in fee farm, paying 8 marks *per ann.* into the Exchequer, by deed dated at *Windsor*, November 22, A°. 11.

King *Edward III.* gave the 8 marks aforesaid, to the priory of *Brodholme*, in *Nottinghamshire*: and in the 31st of that King, Sir *John de Norwich* had a release thereof from the prioress.

On the death of Sir *John*, it descended to *Catharine Brews*, a nun at *Dertford*, in *Kent*, who held it A°. 1 of *Richard II.* and by her trustees it seems to have been conveyed some years after, to Sir *Robert Knouls*, *William Calthorp*, junior, &c. who held it in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*Thomas Stede*, by his will dated December 20, 1501, bequeaths to *Thomas* his son and heir, the manor of *Northale*, and *William* his brother died lord, in 1540, and was buried, as was his father *Thomas*, at *Warham*.

The *Doylys* seem to inherit it from the *Stedes*, and quarter their arms, *argent*, a lion rampant, *azure*, and so is now united to the other manors of the *Doylys*; see the baronetteage of *England*.

The Bishop of *Norwich*'s lordship of *Hindringham* extended into this town, and being in the see at the survey, *Thetford*, the Bishop, held one tenant here, with 12 acres.\*

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had also a lordship in this town, *Wells*, and *Holkham*, of which King *Herold* was possessed; and *Ribald* held it under *Alan*, consisting of 11 socmen, and 6 borderers, with 2 carucates of land, and one acre of meadow, valued at 40s. and *Edvi*, the King's steward, laid claim to one man with 30 acres of land, as the hundred testified.†

At the survey, *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux* in *France*, the Conqueror's half brother, had 2 socmen, with half a carucate of land, of which *Stigand*, Archbishop of *Canterbury*, who possessed it as a lay fee, and in his own right, had been deprived, and was valued at 30 pence; this on *Odo*'s rebellion against King *William II.* came probably to the aforesaid *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*.

## HALES MANOR.

*Ribald*, who held under *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, was his brother, and lord of *Middleham* in *Yorkshire*.

In the 18th of King *John*, a fine was levied between *Bartholomew de Wighton* and *Robert Nugun*, by which *Robert* conveyed to *Bartholomew*, the advowson of the church of *St. Mary Magdalen* in this town, and in the 24th of *Henry III.* *Bartholomew*, son of *Walter de Wycton*, sold lands here to *William de Boton* and *Agnes* his wife, and was then patron of the aforesaid church: and *Peter de Laringsetc*, in the said year, is said to hold the moiety of a fee.

\* Terra Epi. Tedfordensis ad episcopatu' p'tinens T.R.E.—In Warham, e. i ho p'tinens maner. de Hindringham de xii ac.

† Terre Alani Comitis—Et in Guarnham et in Holkham et in Quella tenet Ribald. de Comite xi socm. de ii car.

tre. et vi bord. et i ac. pti. tnc. val. xl sol. et mo. et ibi calu'pnatur Edvi p'positus Regis i 'homine' de xxx ac. et hoc testat. hundret.—Tre Epi. Baiocensis—In Warha. ten. Stigand ii soc. de dim. c. tre. semp. dim. car. et semp. val. xxx denar.



*William Jordan of Lavingsets* settled by fine on *William de Hales*, and *Catharine* his wife, the manor of *Warham*, the moiety of *Testerton*, &c. in tail:

In the 9th of *Edward III.* and in the 20th, the said *William* was found to hold the 6th part of a fee, and the 20th part of one, of the *Nevills*, and of *John de Vewtre*, (of the Earls of *Richmond*, and of *Arundel*;) it is probable that the 20th part here mentioned was the part that *Odo* Bishop of *Baieux* held, and was now in the Earl of *Arundel*, and so of that King, which the family of *De Wighton* formerly held.

In the reign of *Richard II.* *Sir Stephen de Hales* held it, who dying *s. p.* *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of his brother *Thomas Hales*, brought it by marriage to *William Rokewode*, sen.<sup>a</sup> and so to *William Rokewode*, Esq. his son, by whose daughter and coheir *Agnes*, it came to *Sir Nicholas Appleyard*, whose descendant *John Appleyard*, Esq. in the 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary*, passed this manor of *Warham-Hales*, with many messuages and tofts, 2 water mills, 400 acres of land, 40 of pasture, 200 of moor, 200 of marsh, 20 of wood, 200 of heath, and 10s. rent, with a foldcourse in this town, *Wells*, &c. and the advowson of the church of *Warham*, to *Ralph Symonds*, Esq.

After this it was in the *Doylys* of *Shotesham*, and *Henry Doyly*, Esq. died lord in 1597, and *Edmund Doyly*, Esq. died possessed of the manor of *Warham Hales*, *Warham North-hull*, and *Warham* manors. in 1610.

*Sir William Doyly*, Bart. was lord in the reign of King *Charles II.* and alienated this with much of his patrimony.

*Richard Berney*, Esq. possessed it in the reign of King *William III.* and by a decree in Chancery, in 1709, it was ordered to be sold, and was purchased by *Sir Charles Turner*, grandson of *Charles Turner*, Gent. of *Whissinget*, who by *Elizabeth*, his wife, had *Sir John Turner* of *Lynn*, who died *s. p.* and *William Turner*, Gent. of *North Elmham*, father of *Sir Charles*, by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *John Spooner* of *North Elmham*.

*Sir Charles* married first, *Anne*, daughter of *Robert Walpole*, Esq. of *Houghton*, in *Norfolk*, (sister of *Robert* Earl of *Orford*,) and was created a baronet; his second wife was *Mary*, daughter of *Sir William Blois* of *Grundesburgh*, relict of *Sir Nevill Catlyn* of *Kirby Cane*, in *Norfolk*: he was member of parliament for *Lynn*, and a teller of the Exchequer, and on November 22, 1738, dying without heir male, was succeeded in estate by his brother, *Sir John Turner*,<sup>b</sup> Bart. collector of *Lynn*, who died 1739, and by his wife, daughter of ——— *Allen*, of *London* left *Sir John Turner*, Bart. his son, the present lord of this town, member of parliament for *Lynn*.

On the heath belonging to this town, called the *Rasfield*, is a square fortification, with a double ditch, ascribed to be the work of the *Danes*, after their landing at *Weyburn*.

The temporalities of *Norwich* priory were in *Warham All Saints*, valued at 4s. 8d. those of *Petreston*, in *Warham St. Mary's* 4s. 8d. those of *Walsingham*, in the said parish 33s. 6d. *Pentney* priory's temporalities in *Warham* 4s. 8d. and the spiritualities of *Bynham* priory 5s. 6d.

<sup>a</sup> See in *Testerton*, and *Holt*.

<sup>b</sup> *Sir Charles Turner* of *Warham*, sable, a chevron, ermine, between 3 fer de molines, or, on a chief argent, a lion passant, gules.

The tenths were 8*l.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

Here were 3 churches—*All-Saints*—St. *Mary's*—and St. *Mary Magdalen*.

*All-Saints* was valued at 15 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 4*d. ob.*; it is a rectory, and the present valor is 16*l.* and is in the patronage of the King.

## RECTORS OF ALL-SAINTS.

In 1312, *Richard de Aston*,

*Somervill* was instituted rector of *All-Saints*, on the presentation to *Gilbert Earl of Gloucester*.

1328, *William de Welyngore*, by *William La Zouche*, Lord of *Glamorgan*.

1341, Mr. *William de Langele*, by *Hugh le Despencer*, Lord *Glamorgan*.

1342, *John de Hayton*, by the attorney general of *Hugh le Despencer*, &c.

1389, *John Peyt*, by *Elizabeth Lady Despencer*.

1393, *William Bacon*, by ditto.

1406, Mr. *Thomas Dallyng*. Ditto.

*Peter Forwardson* occurs rector of *All-Saints*, about 1600: and *William Wigfal* in 1614.

1731, *Joshua Thompson* presented to *All-Saints*, on the resignation of *John Wells*, by the King.

1762, *John Robinson*. Ditto.

The ancient valor of St. *Mary's* was 5*l.* and *Peter-pence* 9*d.*; the present valor is 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is a rectory.

In the 9th of *Henry III.* *Ralph*, prior of *Pentney*, granted by fine to *Gilbert Earl of Clare*, the advowson of this church, as long as the Earl and his heirs should hold the manor of *Warham* in demean, or in service, but if the heirs of *Robert*, son of *Ernisius the Norman*, should recover the advowson, the prior's right was saved, and saving likewise his old pension out of the said church.

In the 30th of *Edward III.* license was granted to appropriate it to the priory of *Bromholm*.

## RECTORS OF ST. MARY'S.

In 1314, *William de Pentbury* was instituted rector.

1318, *Jordan de Hyngham*, presented by Sir *Walter de Norwich*. *Alan*, abbot of St. *Stephen's de Fontany*, in *Normandy*, released to Sir *Walter*, a messuage, 10 acres of land, and the advowson of this church.<sup>4</sup>

1329, *Richard de Bernyngham*, by Sir *John de Norwich*.

1330, *Edmund Multon*.

*Thomas Ryoall*, rector.

1358, *Ralph de Fenton*, by the priory of *Bromholm*, in *Norfolk*.

1373, *Thomas de Saleby*. Ditto.

1374, *William de Baketon*. Ditto.

<sup>4</sup> Reg. Colleg. Mettingham, fol. 34.

1377, *Andr. Goldsmith.*

1396, *William Hacket.*

1404, *John Newport*, by the prior of *Bromholm.*

In 1474, *William Rokewode, Esq.* was buried in the north isle of this church.

1730, *Joseph Ward*, presented to *St. Mary's*, and *St. Mary Magdalen, Warham*, by *Sir Charles Turner*, on the death of *Anthony Neach.*

1736, *Thomas Turner*, on *Ward's* death, by *ditto.*

1749, *Robert Goodwyn*, by *Sir John Turner, Bart.*

The church of *St. Mary Magdalen* is also a rectory, valued at 5*l.* paid *Peter-pence* 6*½d.* and consolidated to that of *St. Mary.*

### RECTORS OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN.

In 1278, *Hugh de Corpusti* was instituted rector.

1289, *Bartholomew de Wictone.*

1307, *John de Romeley*, presented by *Bartholomew de Wycthon.*

1311, *William de Warham.* Ditto.

1343, *John de Halle de Wyghton*, by *Peter Atte Mylle de Wyghton*, and *John*, his son,

1349, *William de Felton*, by *Sir John de Norwych.*

In the 17th of *Edward III.* *Sir John* had license to grant the advowson to his college of *Raveningham*, and to appropriate it, but it took not effect.

1354, *Hervey de Welham.* Ditto.

1391, *Thomas Merchaunt*, by *Sir Stephen de Hales.*

1403, *John Godwyne*, by the *Lady Joan*, relict of *Sir Stephen.*

*William Wigfall*, about 1600, succeeded

*Henry Feake*, in this church.

In the register of *Binham* priory is an account sans date of the lands of *Humphrey de Aula*, in the fields of this town and *Wighton*, containing 120 acres, of which the rector of *St. Mary Magdalen* church was to have 2 sheafs, and the sacristan of the aforesaid priory the third.<sup>3</sup>

In this town was also a chapel, with its cemetery, or yard, which before the dissolution belonged to the nunnery of *Bradholme*, and being ruinous was granted *June 11*, in the 5th of *Elizabeth*, to *Cecilia Pykerell*, of *Norwich*, widow of *John Pykerell*, which she the day following conveyed to *Nicholas Mynne*, of *Barsham, Esq.*

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Binh. fol. 174.

# GREAT OR OLD WALSINGHAM, AND LITTLE, OR NEW WALSINGHAM.

## BYNHAM PRIORY MANOR.

**P**ETER DE VALOINS was lord of a part of the town of *Walsingham Magna*, at the survey, by the gift of the *Conqueror*, of which *Bund* (a thane of King *Edward*) was deprived, and *Humphrey* held it of *Peter*, the capital lord.

It then consisted of a carucate and a half of land, 9 villains, 7 borderers, with 2 carucates, and 4 acres of meadow in demean, one carucate and a half among the tenants, 3 servi, 5 cows, &c. 180 sheep, 9 skeps of bees, and one socman held 4 acres of land, valued at 40s. before this at 30s.

It was delivered, or granted to *Peter*, to make up, or complete one of his lordships, but his men or tenants did not know what manor.<sup>6</sup>

The aforesaid *Humphrey*, whom I find to be styled one of this Lord *Peter's* knights, gave, according to the practice of those times, 2 parts of the tithes of this lordship to the priory of *Bynham*,<sup>7</sup> founded by his lord in the reign of *Henry I.* *Roger Lord Valoins*, his son, and *Robert*, his grandson, confirmed it with the moiety of *St. Peter's* church, the chantry that *Robert Godchild* held of the monks of *St. Albans*: also 2 carucates here, containing 190 acres of land, with the whole homage and demean of *Humphrey*, held of them, and the mill-meadow. The prior aforesaid, in the 15th of *Edward I.* had the assise of bread and beer, of his tenants: in 1428 their temporalities were valued at 9l. 17s. 1d. and their spiritualities here, or portion of tithes, at 15s.

On the general dissolution it was granted by the Crown, to Sir *Thomas Paston*, November 18, A°. 33 *Henry VIII.* paying 9s. 7d. per ann.

## THE KING'S MANOR.

King *William* seized on this, which was one of King *Herold's* lordships, and a beruite belonging to the royal manor of *Fakenham*, containing 3 carucates of land, 13 villains, 7 borderers, with one carucate

<sup>6</sup> Terre Petri Valoniensis—In Walsingham Magna, tenet Humfridus qu' ten. Bund'. i tan' i car. tre. et dim. sep. iii vill. et vii bor. et ii car. in dno. iii ac. pti. tc. et p' i car. et dim. houn. et mo. i p' iii ser. mo. iii tc. v an. mo. i

tc. xx por. mo. xxv sep. CLXXX ov. tc. ix vasa apu. mo. v. et i soc. iiii ac. tre tc. et p' val. xxx sol. et mo. xl hec tra. fuit lib'ata ad p' ficiendu' ho'es sui nesciunt qd. manerium  
<sup>7</sup> Regist. Bynham, fol. 134.

in demean, 2 carucates among the tenants, paunage for 10 swine, and acre and half of meadow, 2 mills, 2 horses, 5 cows, and 24 sheep; and there were 8 socmen, with one carucate of land; 2 borderers also belonged to it, half an acre of meadow, the moiety of a mill, and 3 carucates: all this was valued in *Fakenham*.<sup>8</sup>

How long it continued in the Crown does not appear; it seems in the reign of King *John* to be forfeited by *William de Brencourt*, or *Favercourt*, on his rebellion against that King, and was granted in his 6th year (as an eschaet, and land of the Normans) to *Richard Earl of Clare*, of whom and his family, see in the following lordship.

### THE EARL OF CLARE'S LORDSHIPS.

*Rainald*, son of Ivo, obtained two of the principal manors in these towns, on the Conquest: one in *Great Walsingham*, of which *Ketel* a freeman, was deprived, who had 19 borderers, with 3 carucates of land, 2 servi, 2 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean, &c. 24 socmen belonged to it, with 70 acres of land, the moiety of a mill and 2 borderers, &c. valued at 6*l* per ann.; it was half a leuca long and the same in breadth, and paid 18*d*. gelt.

The same *Rainald* had also the grant of a lordship in *Walsingham Parva*, on the deprivation of the aforesaid *Ketel*, containing 2 carucates of land, 4 villains, 21 borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 2 carucates among the tenants, &c. an acre of meadow, with a mill; and half a carucate, with 14 acres of land, belonged to 5 socmen, &c. valued in King *Edward's* reign at 4*l*. at the survey at 5*l*. it was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 24*d*. gelt.<sup>9</sup>

*Rainald* was a Norman nobleman, and attended Duke *William* on his invasion; how long he possessed it does not appear; *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, or his son, seems to have been the next lord, whose sister and coheir, *Rohais*, married *Richard Fitz-Gilbert*, alias *de Clare*, ancestor of the Earls of *Hertford* and *Clare*; whose descendants, the Earls of *Clare*, inherited it.

*Richard de Clare*, Earl, in the 32d of *Henry III.* gave these lordships to his brother, *William de Clare*, who had a grant of free warren in *Walsingham Magna*, and a weekly mercate on *Friday*, in the 35th of that King; also of a weekly mercate in *Walsingham Parva*, on

<sup>8</sup> Terra Regis—Galsingham. ten. Herold'. T. R. E. iii car. tre. beruita in Fagenham, tc. et p' xliii will. et mo. vi. tc. et p' vii bor. mo. v sep. i car. in d'nio sep. ii car. hom. silva x por. i ac. pti. et dim. ii mol. sep. ii r. sep. v. an. tc. xii por. mo. xliii tc. xliii ov. mo. x*l* et viii socman de i car. tre jacent huic mano. ii. bor. dim. ac. p'ti. tc. iii car. et p' et mo. ii hoc totu e. appretiatu' in Fagenham.

<sup>9</sup> Terre Rainaldj filij Ivonis—Walsingaha ten. Ketel i lib. ho. T. R. E. sep. xviii bor. i. car et ii car. tre. tc. ii s. mo. ii ac. pti. tc. et p' ii. car. in d'nio. mo. iiii silv. viii por. iiii eq. qu'

rec. ii an. mo. i tc xv. p' mo. xviii sep. cxxi ov. xliiii soc. jacent huic villa Lx et x ac. tre. ii bor. et d. mol. tc. iii car. et qu' rec. et mo. i car. et dim. tc. val. vi lib. mo. simil. et ht. d. leug. long. et d. lat. et xviii d. de gelto.—Et alia Walsingham ten. Ketel. T. R. E. ii car. tre. sep. iiii vill. tc. xxi bor. ii s. tc. ii car. in d'nio. et qu. rec. et mo. ii car. hom. et p' et mo. i car. silv. vi. p. i ac. pti. i mol. v soka. xlii ac. tre. i mol. tc. d. car. et mo. qu' rec. et v eq. mo. iiii sep. v tc. xii p. mo. xliiii Lxxx ov. sep. tc. vi wasa ap. mo. ii tc. iiii lib. mo. c. sol. et ht. i leug. long. et d. lat. xliiii d. de gelto. quic q; ibi teneat.

*Monday*, and a fair, formerly granted to the prior of *Walsingham*, on whose death it came to the aforesaid Earl, and was held in *capite* by one fee and a half.

*Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, was lord in the 14th of *Edw. I.* had the assise of bread and beer, a gallows, and other royal privileges, and they were valued at 30*l. per ann.* after his death it came to *Lionel Duke of Clarence*, third son of King *Edward III.* by his marriage with *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *William de Burgh* Earl of *Ulster*, in *Ireland*, son and heir of *John de Burgh* Earl of *Ulster*, by the Lady *Elizabeth* his wife, third sister and coheir of *Gilbert*, Earl of *Clare*, *Gloucester*, &c.

The said *Lionel* dying in the 42d of *Edward III.* left *Philippa*, his only daughter and heir, and on her marriage with *Edmund Mortimer* Earl of *March*, he became lord in her right. On the death of *Edmund*, the last Earl of *March*, in the 3d of *Henry VI.* *Anne*, his sister and heir, being wife of *Richard de Coninsby* Earl of *Cambridge*, *Richard* their son, Duke of *York*, was lord, and his son King *Edward IV.* inherited it.

*Elizabeth*, Queen consort to King *Henry VII.* *Anne*, wife of *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Surry*, and *Catharine*, wife of *William Courtney* Earl of *Devonshire*, were daughters and coheirs of the said King. *Anne* and *Catharine* conveyed their right to King *Henry VIII.* and King *Edward VI.* in his 7th year, *July 1*, granted them to *Thomas Gresham*, Esq. and Queen *Mary* confirmed it *April 9*, in her first year, with the lordships of *Collingham*, *Fennes*, *Marshes*, *Bottes*, *Hadshaw's Walsingham Grange*, and the demean lands in the tenure of *Thomas Sydney*, &c. with a fold course, watermill, market and a fair on the nativity of the Virgin *Mary*, and a close planted with saffron, for which the town was famous at this time.

Sir *Thomas Gresham*, in the 16th of *Elizabeth*, granted to *Edward Flowerdew*, Esq. in consideration of the faithful counsel given him, an annuity out of it payable for life, and sealed it with his crest, a grasshopper: on his death his lady possessed it, and it came to her son, Sir *William Read*, lord in 16th of *James I.* and on his death, to his coheirs, *George Lord Berkley*, Sir *William Withipole*, the Earl and Countess of *Desmond*.

After this, in 1637, it was conveyed to Dr. *John Warner* Bishop of *Rochester*, a prelate famous for his noble acts of charity, on whose death it descended to his heir, *John Lee Warner*, D.D. archdeacon and prebendary of *Rochester*, son of *Thomas Lee*, of *London*, Gent. descended from the family of *Lee* of *Lee-hall*, in *Shropshire*, by *Anne* his wife, sister of the Bishop, whose eldest son, *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. was lord in 1680, and his nephew, *Henry Lee Warner*, (son of ----- *Warner*, Esq. of *Kensington*, by -----, sister of Sir *James How*,) died lord on the 13th of *December*, 1760, and by -----, daughter of *John Mills*, Esq. of *Nackington* in *Kent*, left *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. the present lord.

Here were also in ancient days several little lordships held of the Earls of *Clare*.

In the reign of *Edward I.* *Adam*, son of *William de Romely*, is mentioned: in the 20th of *Edward III.* *Henry de Colingham* held half a fee, &c.

The town gave name to the ancient family of *De Walsingham*. Sir

*Richard de Walsingham* lived in the reign of King *Henry III.* and was father of *Sir Richard*, one of the justices of *Trailbaston*, in *Suffolk* and *Norfolk*, with *Sir John Le Briton*, in the 33d of *Edward I.* father by *Christian* his wife, of *Thomas de Walsingham*, who married *Amy*, daughter and coheir of *Sir Robert Stafford*, of *Egginton* in *Derbyshire*; this *Thomas* (as I take it) had considerable lands, with a fold-course, here, late *Romely's*, granted to his father, and was living in the 13th of *Edward II.*; *Thomas* was father of *Sir Richard*, living in the reign of *Edward III.* and by *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Adam Nortoft* of *Eggenere* in *Norfolk*, had *Richard*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Sir Thomas Dalingrey*, and was father of *Thomas Walsingham*, Esq. who by *Catharine* his wife, sister of *Sir William Belhouse* of *Essex*, left *Thomas*, his son and heir, who removed into *Kent*, and died about 1456: this *Thomas* took to wife *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Adam Bam* of *Gillingham* in *Kent*, from whom the great *Sir Francis Walsingham*, secretary of state in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, is descended.

The tenths of *Walsingham Magna* were 8*l.*—Deducted 1*l.*—*Walsingham Parva* 6*l.* 14*s.*—Deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The temporalities of *Stoke by Clare* 20*s.*—Of *Bury* 10*s.*—In *Walsingham Parva*.

The priory of *St. Faith's* of *Horsham* had a portion of tithe, valued at half a mark.

*New Walsingham* is a mercate town, and has two fairs in the year.

In the town of *Old Walsingham*, were two churches, *All-Saints* and *St. Peter's*.

The CHURCH of *All-Saints* was a rectory, valued at 15 marks, *Peter-pence* 14*d.* ob. and was given, by deed sans date, to the church of *St. Mary of Walsingham*, and the canons there, for his soul's health, and those of his father, mother, &c. in pure alms, with the appertinances in ploughed lands, meadows, pastures, &c. by *Philip de Terra Vasta*, (*Travers*,) the seal is oval, and is a knight in complete armour, on horseback, in full career. The Register of *Norwich* says it was the gift of *Roelen de Terra Vasta*, and was granted, saving the right of *Richard de Drayton*, who held the church as rector, for life.

In the 52d of *Henry III.* *Richard de Vilechen* conveyed by fine a moiety of the church of *All-Saints*, to *Alan* the prior of *Walsingham*, and the lands which the prior held of the gift of *Richard Ancestor*, who was probably *Philip* abovementioned; and *Alan de Romely*, son of *William*, by deed sans date, released all his right in this church given by his ancestor, *P. de Terra Vasta*, and gave an alder-ground to the priory.

On the appropriation of it, a vicarage was settled, valued then at 40*s.*

*John Archbishop of Canterbury* granted license to appropriate it in 1280.

#### VICARS OF ALL-SAINTS.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *Philip de Clopton* occurs vicar.

1305, *John Badingham* was instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent.

1329, *Ralph de Alethorp*, presented by the prior and convent.

1330, *Adam Alexander*.

1338, *John de Bromholm*.

1342, *Martin de Sandringham*.

1355, *Jeff. Derham*.

1360, *Roger de Wirtham*,

About this time, the vicarage was also united to the appropriated rectory, and became a curacy.

*Thomas Sydney*, Esq. of *Walsingham Parva*, had a grant of the rectories and churches of *All-Saints*, and *St. Peter's*, in *Walsingham Magna*, and of *St. Mary's*, in *Walsingham Parva*, lately belonging to the priory, by a patent, dated *May 3*, in the 7th year of King *Edward VI.* and *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. is impropriator, and nominates the curates of the churches, as the *Sydneys* did.

The CHURCH of *St. Peter's*, of *Walsingham Magna*, was a rectory valued at 15 marks, paid *Peter-pence* 12*d.* and the prior of *Bynham* had a portion herein, valued at 15*s. per ann.*

### RECTORS OF ST. PETER'S.

In the 21st of *Henry III.* *Thomas de Leche* was instituted rector.

*Bartholomew de Ferentino* occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward I.* and

*Philip*, in 1307.

*Richard de Clare* Earl of *Hertford* gave it to the priory, and it was appropriated in the 8th year of *Edward II.* and so remains a curacy; *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. being the impropriator.

In this church were the gilds of *St. Peter*, and of the purification.

*John Dyr*, priest of *Walsingham Magna*, by will in 1524, gave lands with a messuage and cottage in *Walsingham Magna*, to the repair of both these parish churches, and to the use of a gild-hall, for the parishioners of both parishes, on condition that the church-wardens of them cause to be sung in each church, *Placebo*, and *Dirige*, on *Tuesday* in *Easter week*.

The CHURCH of *St. Mary* in *Walsingham Parva*, was a rectory valued at 5*l.* and paid *Peter-pence* 14*d. ob.* it was granted, and appropriated to the priory about the year 1280, by *Jeff. de Faverches*, and so is a donative, or curacy. A pension of 2*s. per ann.* belonging to the see of *Norwich*, was released by Bishop *Thirlby*. The impropriation is in *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq.

A priest, called *Jesus' priest*, and the mass of *Jesus*, is mentioned in 1526. In the churchyard was the image of our Lady, in the wall.—The image of *St. Anne*, in the chapel, in the church.—*St. Catharine's* altar and gild, with that of the purification, annunciation, *St. John Baptist's*, *St. Michael's*, *St. Ann's*, *St. George's*, and the Holy Trinity.

The church is a regular pile, with a nave, north and south isle, and a chancel covered with lead, and has a square tower, with a spire, and 5 bells.

In it hangs a brass branch for candles, the gift of *John Portington*, Gent. in 1679: the font is of stone, with imagery work, and a wooden



cover. carved on it, *Ex dono Jane Dominae Sidney, in pia mentis indicium.*

In the church are several gravestones with brass plates; those which are most material I shall here mention:

*Hic jacet Jacobus Gresham, cuj. a'i'a. p'ptr. Deus.*

*Orate p. a'i'a. D'ni Willi. Weston, capli cuj. a'i'e. &c.*

*Orate p. a'i'a. D'ni Jacobi Ioe, capellani, qui obiit xviii°. die mensis Junij A°. D'ni. m.cccc.lxxxiii°.*

*Orate p. a'i'a. Christoferi Athowe, sen. qui obt. viii die mensis Martij, A°. D'ni. m.cccc.xlii.*

On the south side of the church, against the wall, is a remembrance for one *Robert Anguish*, with an arrow or dart, and a snake twisted round it; on one side of it is *E. R.* on the other, *xxxii*, and under it 1590, setting forth the year of his death, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

*This emblem here is set to view,  
For Robert Anguish' sake,  
Hast with wisdom must insew  
A happy end to make.*

In the chancel is a curious brass stand, supported by 4 lions.

On a neat mural monument,

*Sepultus jacet Gulielmus Miles, medicinae doctor, admodum peritus, apprime doctus, ignota virtutis vir, at non ignotus virtuti, nam prospectatissima probitate, fidelitate singulari, clementia admirabili, justitia et charitate praestantissima memoratu dignus. Qui cum ad vicesimum octavum aetatis attigisset, inevitabili fato, suam passus est eclipsim, sive biolychnij extinctionem; animamq; fide Christiana Deo Creatori exhalavit die duodecimo mensis Maij A.D. m.d.ccxix. And this shield, ermine, a ferdemolin sable, and a chief.*

On an altar tomb.

*Sileant Galeni (si qui sint superstites) nostrates posthac artem Ratcliffii despondeant, cohors erubescat medica, en arte lassus, en vita functus simul, hic jacet noster Esculapius, Edmundus Mott, medicinae doctor, qui obt. 3 die Febr. A.D. 1699, aet. suae 40.*

And these arms, *sable*, a crescent, *argent*, *Mott*; impaling *sable*, three bugle-horns, or, stringed *azure*, *Thurston*.

On another adjoining,

*Edmund, the son of Dr. Edmund Mott, and of Mary his wife, was baptized June 10, 1695, buried March 20, 1696.*

On another altar tomb, with this shield, a fess between three mullets, pierced, - - - - - impaling - - - - - three chevronells.

*His situs est Johs. Partingtonus pietate ac probitate Deo et homi-*

<sup>2</sup> He is called the Foot-post, and married Anne, daughter of ——— Sydney, governor of the Spittle at Walsingham.

*diſbus gratui, amicitia et comitate omnibus bene notus, ſtirpe antiqua et doctrinâ clarus, obiit quadraginta plus minus natus annos Mart. 9, 1674. In cujus memoriam chariſſima conjux Susanna Portingt. ſine ſobole relicta, non ſine ſolatio, hunc titulum in æternum amoris et gratitudinis monumentum poſuit.*

On the north ſide of the chancel wall, near the eaſt end,

*Dormitorum Edwardi De Fotherbye.*

On a ſtately monument, with the effigies of 2 perſons,

*Here lyes in hope and expectation of the joyfull and deſyred day of reſurrection, &c. Sir Henry Sidney, Kt. deſcended from the ſtemme of Viſcount Liſle, baron of Penhurſt in Kent, lord chamberleyn to the queen's majeſty, and governor of Fluſhing; his youth was ſeaſoned with the fear of God, duty towards his parents, and love to learning, his following age yielded fruits of hoſpitality towards all men, of charity towards the poor, of faithfullneſs towards his friends, and of peaceableneſs towards his neighbours. He and his end was concluded with piety, with patience, and with a comfortable farewell at the term of 59 years, the 2d of November, A.D. 1612. Here joynd as well in the ſame hope of a joyfull reſurrection, as in all piety and conjugall love to the ſaid Sir Henry Sidney, reſts the body of Dame Jane his wife, daughter of Frances Jermy of Brightwell in Suffolk, Eſq. who after her peregrination of 73 years, injoying 28 thereof in the happy ſociety of her ſaid huſband, and continuing his name and memory for 28 more in a moſt chaſt and retired widowhood, upon the 8 of Auguſt, 1638, departed this life, no lady more chriſtianly, nor dyed more happily;—"Many daughters have done vertuouſly, but thou excelleſt them all." Prov. 3, 29.*

Also the arms of Sidney, with his quarterings, viz. firſt, *or*, a phaëon, *argent*, Sidney; 2d, *argent*, two barrulets, and in chief three leopards heads, *sable*; 3d, *argent*, three chevronels, *gules*, and a label of three points, *azure*, Barrington; 4th, *argent*, on a bend, *gules*, three lozenges, of the firſt, *Mercye*; 5th, quarterly, *or*, and *gules*, an eſcarbuncle, *sable*, Maundeſville; 6th, *azure*, a chevron between three mullets, *or*, Chetwind; 7th, *argent*, three lions rampant, *gules* Belhouſe; 8th, barry of ten, *argent* and *gules*, a chevron over all, *or*, Stokes; impaling, quarterly, *argent*, a lion rampant, guardant, *gules*, in the firſt and 4th, Jermy, and *gules*, a bend between ſix martlets, *or*, in the 2d and 3d.

This Lady Jane gave a cloſe of above 4 acres to the ſupport of the miniſter or curate of this church, for ever.

In this church were theſe arms, *or*, three chevronels, *gules*, the Earl of Clare, and Glouceſter, &c. impaling, *or*, a croſs, *gules*, Burgh Earl of Ulſter; quarterly, barry of ſix, *or* and *azure*, an eſcotheon, *argent*, on a chief of the firſt, a pale between two eſquires, dexter and ſiniſter of the 2d, Mortimer Earl of March, &c.

After Sir Thomas Greſham's death the manors of Collingham, Fenn's, &c. were ſold to Thomas Sydney, Eſq. and upon an inquiſition *post mortem*, 28th of Elizabeth, it was found he died ſeized of the abbey of Walsingham, and the perpetual curacy of All-Saints, and St. Peters, in Great Walsingham, and All-Saints in Little Walsingham, and divers lands and mills, late Sir Thomas Greſham's, in Great and Little

*Walsingham, Houghton juxta Walsingham, Hinderingham, Wighton, and Egmere*, the rectory of *Houghton*, and disposal of the vicarage of ditto; and that *Henry Sydney* (afterwards *Sir Henry*) is his son and heir, aged 30 years. *Thomas* also left him the manor of *Ross* in *Houghton*.

July 8, 1639, *Robert Sydney* Earl of *Leicester*, grants, on condition, the manor of *Ross* and divers lands, to *Sir Ed. Leech*, *Henry English*, and others; and, on July 20, 1650, in pursuance of a decree in Chancery, the said Earl sells the manor of *Ross*, the rectory and vicarage, and lands in *Houghton*, the abbey of *Walsingham*, with the perpetual curacies of the above three churches in *Walsingham*, with the rectorial and vicarial tithes, with all the lands, late *Thomas Sydney's*, Esq. to *Henry Wynn*, *Edward English*, and others. And on July 3, 1766, there was a bargain and sale of the abbey, the manor of *Ross*, and all the above lands and livings in *Walsingham* and *Houghton*, from *Henry Wynn*, and others, to *Dr. John Lee*, archdeacon of *Rochester*, for the use of *Bishop Warner*. The manors of *Walsingham* and *Mills* were separated from the abbey, and remained so till 1756, when they were purchased with divers lands, from *Norbone Berkely*, Lord *Bottetourt*, by *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. who also purchased diverse other lands in *Walsingham* and *Houghton*, and the manors of *Gaunts* and *Gurneys*, in *Houghton*; and died, as before mentioned, in 1760, aged 72, and left the whole to his son, *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. by will, who was also heir at law, and has built here an agreeable seat, on the site of the priory.

The present *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq. intends to erect a monument in *Walsingham* church to the memory of his father, who died as abovementioned, and to his mother, who died in July, 1770, aged 73, and was also buried in a vault in this church.

*Mr. Warner's* grandfather and grandmother, *Lee*, of *Dancjon* near *Canterbury*, were buried here. She was daughter of *Sir George Howe* of *Berwick St. Leonard's*, in *Wiltshire*, and sister to *Sir James Howe*, who devised his whole estate to *Mr. Warner's* father, by his will, and who was also heir at law to him, in right of his mother, which estates also *Mr. Warner* now enjoys.

*Bishop Warner* and the rest of the family were buried at *Rochester*, where handsome monuments in that cathedral are erected to their memories.

### WALSINGHAM PRIORY.

The widow lady of *Ricoldie de Faverches*, dwelling in *Walsingham Parva*, founded there, in or about 1061, a chapel in honour of the *Virgin Mary*, in all respects like to the *Sancta Casa* at *Nazareth*, where the *Virgin* was saluted by the angel *Gabriel* on a vision of the *Virgin* enjoining her thereto; \* a pretence generally made use of in like foundations. *Sir Geoffrey de Faverches*, her son, soon after the conquest, endowed it, granting to *Edwin*, his clerk or chaplain, this chapel of *St. Mary*, with the church of *All-Saints* in the said town, with its appertinances in lands, tithes, rents, services, &c. which the said *Edwin* possessed the day he went to *Jerusalem*; viz. 20s. per ann.

\* Regist. *Walsingh.* in *Bibl.* Cotton fol. 7; &c. in *Musno.*

ent of his demean, for two parts of the tithe of his land, the land at *Smaring*, which *Hawis* gave to God, and the said chapel, 8 acres in the field of the said town, with part of a meadow.

The said knight seems to be the first founder of the priory, built the priory church, and gave the chapel of our Lady all the ground within the site of the church, 8 acres of land, with 20s. rent *per ann.* out of his manor, if the yearly value of the offerings of our Lady did not exceed 5 marks.

This grant was confirmed by *Robert de Brucourt*, and *Roger Earl of Clare*.

In the first of *Henry II.* *William de Hocdon (Houghton)* answered for 30*l.* for the lands, farm or manor of *Wicton, (Wighton)* belonging to the King, and 10 marks to marry the widow of *Jeffrey de Favercourt,*<sup>1</sup> (or *Faveraches*) with her lands, and to have the custody of her son till he was a knight, and then to hold the lands of him; by which it appears that this foundation and part of this town belonged to the King's manor.

*William le Ken* gave in King *John's* time, a messuage and 30 acres of land in *Walsingham Magna* and *Wighton*.

*Damietta de Flitcham*, and *Emma de Beaúfoe*, gave lands in *Flitcham*, which was a cell belonging to this priory; *William Earl Warren Roger de Stradesete*, and *Nicholas* his brother, with *Symon*, son of *Hugh de Shouldham*, lands, marsh, ground, and liberty of digging turfs in *Marham*.

In the 10th of *Henry III.* the prior had a grant of a mercate and a fair; and on the marriage of that King's sister with the Emperor, the prior paid 5 marks, and had a *quietus*; and in the 35th of that King, he had the grant (or confirmation) of the manor of *Walsingham Parva*, and a fair for 8 days.

*Roger Earl of Clare* confirmed the grant of *All-Saints* church, and gave the mill, out of which *Sir Geoffrey de Faveraches* was to pay 20s. *per ann.* and *Gilbert Earl of Clare* gave 8 acres, &c. of land, and the ground without the west gate of the yard, called the *Common-place*.

*William de Valentia*, brother to King *Henry III.* gave 40*l.* in *Walsingham*, of the soc of *Wiston*, quit of all service and customs.

*William de Longespee* Earl of *Salisbury* gave lands. *Roger*, son of *Ralph de Salle*, lands in *Sall*, *Hubert de Brisworth* the 3d part of the advowson of *St. Andrew's* church in *Burnham*, and 25 acres of land in demean, with meadow and pastures, also 12 acres which *Hervey Pike* held of him, and several homages and rents. *John Marshall* 60 acres in the wood of *Folsham*, and 2 marks rent, with the church of *Thymelthorp*, and *Richard de Burgh* 12 acres in his *Avart* of *Folsham*.

*Reginald* and *Stephen de Wharfles (Quarles)* lands there. *Sir John de Nerford*, *Richard*, son of *Gilbert de Wickingham*, lands at *Egmere*. — *Godwin*, son of *Reynford de Holkham*, lands and a foldcourse; and *Ralph*, son of *Robert Hacon* of *Holkham*, lands there.

*Sir Roger Colvile* several homages in *Wells*. *Bartholomew de Wicton* a foldcourse there, with lands. *Nicholas Pêche* the manor of *Swiford* in *Swanington*. *Walter de Grandcourt* lands and common of pasture for 15 sheep, 4 beasts, a horse, &c. in *Fulmodeston*. *Adelina*,

widow of *Geffrey Baynard*, lands and rents in *Byntre*. *Hubert de Burgh* Earl of *Kent*, the church of *St. Andrew* of *Bedingham*, and that of *Oulton*, with 40 nummatas terre. *William le Ventre* the church of *St. Clement's* of *Burnham*. *Olivia le Marshal*, all her rents, tenements, &c. that she purchased in *Folsham* and *Byntre*.

*Randolf* Earl of *Chester*, and *Lincoln Hawis de Quincy*, his sister, and *John de Somery*, lands in *Lincolnshire*. Sir *Ralph de Hemenhale* conveyed to them his manor in *North Creke*, with a moiety of the advowson of the church. *Gilbert de Clare*, Earl of *Gloucester*, gave lands to enlarge their court. *Richard* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Maud* his wife, lands also, as did Sir *William de Clare*, with liberty of common in both these towns; the prior granted to him all the stallage, toll and custom of the fairs, on their lands without the west gate, the prior having the 10th penny of the profits; also a grant of half the profits of the common place where the market on *Saturday* and *Sunday* was kept, on which Sir *William* released to the prior view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer of their men, and a lete. The fair at this time began on the vigil of the nativity of the Virgin.

In the 21st of *Edward I.* the prior had temporalities and spiritualities to the value of 157l. 13s. 8d. per ann. And on June 6, in the 28th of that King, a grant of free warren in this town, *Holkham*, *Burnham*, &c.

A patent was granted to them in the 2d of *Edward II.* for acquiring lands and tenements to the value of 40l. per ann. and the said King, at the instance of his Queen, *Isabel*, granted license of mortmain to the value of 40 marks per ann. and in part thereof, to appropriate the church of *St. Peter's* in *Walsingham Magna*, the patronage of the priory being then and long before, in the Earls of *Clare*, &c.—A license to purchase *Bedingham* manor, in *Norfolk*, ao. 19 *Edward II.*

In the 30th of *Edward III.* July 23, license was granted to the prior of *Anglesey* in *Cambridgeshire*, to grant to this priory 3 messuages, 3 tofts, one mill, 57 acres of land, 3 of meadow, and 34s. rent in *Walsingham Magna* and *Parva*; and in the said year the priory had a patent to purchase tenements here; and in the 40th of that King, one for tenements in *Hoghton*, *Egmere*, and *North Creak*.

Sir *Stephen de Hales*, &c. aliened in the 8th of *Richard II.* the manors of *Ryburgh Magna* and *Parva*, the advowson of *Ryburgh Magna* church, a messuage and 7 acres here, with the manor of *Pens-thorp*, and lands and tenements in *Warham*, *Snoring*, *West Barsham*, &c. to found a chantry for Sir *Thomas de Felton*, &c. *Thomas* his son, and *Joan*, wife of Sir *Thomas*.

License was granted in the 7th of *Henry IV.* to *John Gourney* and *John Drew*, parson of *Harpley*, to amortize 20 acres of land in *Burnham*, to celebrate the obit of Sir *Edmund de Reynham* and *Christian* his wife; and in the said year to Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, &c. to sell the manor of *Swanton Nowers*, held by *Joan*, late wife of Sir *Stephen Hales*, with that of *Branches* in *Wiveton*, to this priory, to celebrate their anniversaries; and about the said time the prior is said to hold the 5th part of a fee of the Earl of *March*.

In the 3d of *Henry VI.* the prior had a patent for the lordship of *Egmere*, and tenements in *Walsingham*, *Wighton*, *Waterden*, &c. and in the 28th of that King their temporalities in *Norfolk* were taxed at 78l. 18s. ob. q. and their spiritualities at 78l. 16s. 8d. ob. q.

*Richard* Duke of *York*, father of King *Edward IV.* and patron of

the priory, gave 6 acres and a rood of meadow, 26 acres of land, liberty of a fold, and messuages called the *Lion*, the *Hoop*, and the *Star*, and land in *Walsingham Parva*.

It appears that the prior had a mortuary of every parishioner in *Walsingham*, of the 2d best animal, and if there was but one, then of that. And in the 19th of *Edward IV.* in consideration that *Henry Heydon*, Esq. had granted to them his lands and fouldcourse in *Walsingham Magna*, and *Hindringham*, they granted to him their lands, tenements, rents, &c. in *Melton Magna*, *Thirsford*, *Barney*, *Wodeton*, and many other towns.

In the 30th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Thorald de Briton* of *Wichingham*, and *Aveline* his wife, and the prior of *Walsingham*, who had a grant of 24 acres of land, the services of several tenants, and 3s. 8d. *per ann.*

*Aveline* seems to have been the relict of *Robert Hacon*. *Ralph de Vileston*, gave it to his sister *Aveline*, in free marriage, with the consent of *Maud* his mother, with his homage in this town.

At the dissolution of religious houses, this fell with the rest in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* and was then valued, according to *Dugdale*, at 39*l.* 11*s.* 7*d.* ob. or as *Speed*, at 44*l.* 14*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

It was dedicated to the annunciation of the *Virgin Mary*; and the prior and canons were regulars of the order of *St. Augustin*.

## PRIORS.

It is probable that *Edwin*, who was clerk or chaplain to *Sir Geoffrey de Faveraches* abovementioned, was the first prior.

*Ralph*,—*Richard*,—*Alexander*, were priors.

*William*, occurs prior in the first of *Henry III.*

*Peter*,—*Alan*, in 1253 and 1273.

*William*, in 1276.

*John* in 1290 and 1298.

1313, *Walter de Wightone*, admitted prior.

1335, *Symon de Wyperton*.

*Simon Storm*, or *Ston*; quere if not the same as occurs in 1344?

1349, *Thomas de Clare*, admitted prior:

1374, *John de Naring*.

1389, *John de Hertford*.

*Hugh Well* occurs prior, 1423.

*Thomas Hunt*, admitted, 1437.

1474, *John Farewell*.

*William Lowth* occurs prior 1489. In 1514, on a dispute with his canons, he was then obliged to resign; and was succeeded by

*Richard Vowell*, prior of *Lees* in *Essex*<sup>4</sup> in 1519, being then prior of *Walsingham*, he was instituted October 4, rector of *Egmere*.

This *Richard* was the last prior, and surrendered it to the King: he, with *Edmund Warham*, the subprior, *William Rose*, and 19 other canons, subscribed to the King's supremacy, September 18, 1534; and

<sup>4</sup> He had been also rector of *Belchamp Offen*, in *Essex*.

on *August 4*, in the 30th of *Henry VII.* he by deed invellid in Chancery, surrendered this priory, with the oell of *Fritcham*, and all their possessions.

It appears that *Sir Richard Southwell* was one of the chief visitors at its dissolution, when *John Lampley*, *William Milaham*, *Richard Garret*, *Robert Sall*, *John Clenchwarton*, and *John Watthy*, canons, are said to have confessed themselves guilty of notorious incontinency, and that great superstition and much forgery was found in their feigned, pretended reliicks and miracles.<sup>5</sup>

*Vowell* the prior, on the surrender, had a pension for life of 100*l.* per ann. and all the canons that signed the surrender with him, had certain pensions for life. In 1555, those who were then living, had the following pensions: *John Harlow* and *Richard Garret*, each, 5*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann.—*William Read*, 6*l.*—*Simon Brond*, 4*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—*William Watkyn*, *Humphrey Wilson*, *Thomas Paule*, *Martin Claxton*, and *John Clerks*, each, 4*l.* per ann.—*Laurence Kidwell* and *Thomas Keyne*, each, 40*s.* per ann.

I have seen a written note that says, in 1536, "This yer was *Ralf Rogers* and *George Gysborrow*, the subprior of *Whalsyngham*, with others, to the number of 15, condemned of treason, whereof 5 suffered."

The priory church was a grand edifice. The length of the nave from the west door to the great tower, or belfry, in the church, was 70 paces; the breadth of the nave (excepting the two isles) was 16 paces; the great tower, or bell-tower, was a square of 16 paces; the length of the choir was 50 paces, and the breadth 17; besides this, there was a building, probably at the east end of the choir, of 16 yards long and 10 broad.

But the greatest beauty and glory of this priory was the chapel<sup>6</sup> of the blessed Virgin, which is said to have been about 8 yards long and 4 yards and 10 inches wide.

The remains of the building of the abbey, now standing, are a large portal at the west entrance, very entire; the east window of the chapel, a very fine and richly ornamented high arch, built in the reign of *Henry VII.* the old one being pulled down; the refectory very entire, 76 feet long, and 27 broad; the walls 26 feet and an half high, the measures taken withinside. A good west window, and stone pulpit in it; the whole building very entire, with an old very good roof upon it. *Buck* in his plate of it (published in 1738, and dedicated to *Henry Lee Warner*, Esq.) has taken the roof off.

Twelve columns, with entire Gothick arches, part of the old cloisters built long before the last chapel.

The old abbey wall, near a mile in circuit, very entire. A stone bath, and two uncovered wells.

The length of the cloister (which was four square) was 54 paces. The length of the chapter-house 20 paces, the breadth 10.

*Eramus* acquaints us that the chapel was a separate building from the priory church, and that it was not quite finished in his time: in

<sup>5</sup> Compend. Comparior.

<sup>6</sup> Founded in honour of the Annunciation. *John Alcock*, Bishop of Ely, granted 40 days pardon or indulgence, to all who before the altar of *Sir John*

*Cheyney*, Knt. in the priory church, should hear mass, or the Lord's Prayer, with the angelick salutation for the souls of *Sir John* and the Lady *Agnes* his wife.

this unfinished building there is (says he) a small chapel, all of wood, on each side of which is a little narrow door, where these were admitted who came with their offerings and paid their devotions, and had no light but from the wax candles, the odour of which was delightful, and glittered with jewels, gold and silver, insomuch, that it seemed to be the seat of the Gods." At the altar here was a canon resident, who received and took care of the offerings.

*Hugh Blyford*, priest, was keeper of this chapel, and buried therein in 1534.<sup>1</sup>

So great was the fame of this idol or image of the Lady of *Walsingham*, that foreigners of all nations came on a pilgrimage to her, insomuch that the number of her devotees and worshippers seemed to equal those of the Lady of *Loretto* in *Italy*, and the town of *Walsingham Parva* owed its chief support and maintenance thereto.

On *March 24*, in his 26th year, *Henry III.* appears to have paid his devotion to her; his precept enjoining all who held lands in *capite*, to meet him on the octaves of *Easter*, at *Winchester*, on an expedition into *Gascoign*, being dated here as above.

King *Edward I.* was here on *January 3*, in his 9th year; <sup>2</sup> and again in his 25th year, on the purification of the Virgin; and on *October 6*, in his 9th year, King *Edward II.*

In the 35th of *Edward II.* *John de Montfort* Duke of *Britain* in *France* came, and had the King's liberate to the treasurer and chamberlains of the Exchequer, to deliver 9*l.* for the expenses of his journey here, and back to *London*; and in the said year the Duke of *Anjou* had license to visit here, and the shrine of *St. Thomas of Canterbury*.

*David Bruys* King of *Scotland*, had, in the 38th of the said King, a protection to come here, with 30 horse in his retinue; and his Queen, *Margaret*, made a vow to visit also *St. Thomas of Canterbury*.

*Isabel*, Countess of *Warwick*, in 1439, bequeathed her tablet, with the image of our Lady, to the church of *Walsingham*, which had a glass over it; also to the Lady there, her gown of alyz cloth of gold, with wide sleeves, and a tabernacle of silver like in the timbre, to that of our Lady of *Caversham*.

King *Henry VII.* mentions in his will, that he had ordered an image of silver, and gilt, to be made and offered up, and set before the Lady of *Walsingham*; and orders a like image for *St. Thomas of Canterbury*.

King *Henry VIII.* in his second year, shortly after *Christmas*, between *Twelfth-day*, and the Queen's churthing, rode here: and in the said year, *May 14*, as appears in a MS. of payments, by the keeper of the privy seal, 6*s.* 8*d.* were then paid to Mr. *Garney's* for the King's offering to her, and signed by the King's hand.

Queen *Catharine* his wife, during the King's absence in *France*, in his 5th year, came and returned thanks to the Lady, for the great victory over the Scots at *Floddenfield*.

Sir *Henry Spelman* says, that when he was a youth, it was commonly reported that King *Henry VIII.* walked barefoot from the town of *Barsham*, to the chapel of the Lady, and presented her with a necklace of very great value.

<sup>1</sup> *Regist. Briggs*, Norw. fol. 34

<sup>2</sup> As appears by a patent dated here for the repair of *London bridge*.



Queen *Catharine*, in her will, desires that 500 masses should be said for her soul, and that a person should make a pilgrimage to our Lady at *Walsingham*, and distribute 200 nobles in charity upon the road. *Smollet's Hist.* vol. vi. p. 31.

So superstitious, so weak and credulous, were the commonalty, that they believed (as they were then imposed upon and taught) the *Galaxias*, or (what is called in the sky) *Milky Way*, was appointed by Providence to point out the particular place and residence of the Virgin, beyond all other places, and was, on that account, generally in that age, called *Walsingham-Way*; and I have heard old people of this country so to call and distinguish it some years past.

Among the many miracles, &c. that were ascribed to her, I cannot pass by one; on the north side at which you enter the close of this priory, was a very low and narrow wicket door, through which it was difficult for any one to pass on foot, being, as an old MS. says, "Not past an elne hye, and three quarters in bredth. And a certain Norfolk knight, Sir Raaf Boutetourt, armed cap a pee, and on horseback, being in days of old, 1314, persued by a cruel enemy, and in the utmost danger of being taken, made full speed for this gate, and invoking this Lady for his deliverance, he immediately found himself and his horse within the close and sanctuary of the priory, in a safe asylum, and so fooled his enemy."

A memorial of this miracle was engraven on a plate of copper, whereon was the effigies of the Knight, his horse, &c. and nailed on the gate of the priory, and was seen by *Erasmus*, who also observes that there was preserved one joint of a finger of St. *Peter*, as large as that of the *Colossus* at *Rhodes*, &c.

But this so famous image of the Lady was, in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* brought to *Chelsea* by *London*, and there publicly burnt.

The seal of the priory was on the one side, the effigies of the Virgin seated, and the child *Jesus* in her arms; on the reverse the front or west-end of the priory church.

The offerings to this Lady, one year, amounted to 260*l.* 12*s.* 4*d.* ob.

The site of the priory was sold by King *Henry VIII.* for 90*l.* to *Thomas Sydney*, Gent. of *Walsingham Parva*, and *Agnes* his wife; the grant is dated *November 7, ao. 31*, with the churchyard, orchards, gardens, &c. and he was found to die seized of it in 1544.

This *Sydney*, as Sir *Henry Spelman* relates, was governor of the *Spittle* in this town, (as was reported,) and employed by the townsmen to buy the site of the priory for the use of the town, but obtained and kept it to himself.

It appears by an inquisition, on his death, that he was styled Gentleman, and was 2d son of *William Sydney*, Esq. by *Thomasine* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Barrington*, Esq. widow of *William Lunsford* of *Battle* in *Sussex*, and brother to *Nicholas Sydney* ancestor to the Earls of *Leicester*.

*Thomas Sidney*, Esq. son and heir of *Thomas* aforesaid, possessed it on his father's death, was customer of *Lynn*, and left by *Barbara* his wife, sister of the great Sir *Francis Walsingham*, 2 sons; *Thomas*, the eldest, married *Mary*, daughter of Sir *Robert Southwell*, and dying without issue, *Henry* his brother succeeded, who was a knight, and married *Jane*, daughter of *Francis Jermy*, Esq. of *Brightwell* in

*Suffolk*, and having no children, gave it to *Robert Sidney* Earl of *Leicester*.

After this, it was held by *Nicholas Rookwood*, Gent.

In this town of *Walsingham* *Parva* was also an house or priory of *Grey Friars* or *Friars Minors*, founded by the Lady *Elizabeth de Burgh* Countess of *Clare*, who had a patent for it in the 21st of *Edward III.*

The prior and convent of the canons here petitioned that lady against this foundation as their patroness, and exhibited several reasons.

First, that the parish churches would lose so much tithe as would be within the walls of the house that was to be built.

Secondly, the parishioners would neglect the parish churches, go to their oratory, hear mass, and make their offerings, &c. there.

Thirdly, that the goods of the present priory and canons would not keep them half a year, much less if any other order should come into the town; and whereas this order proposes to give caution that they will not prejudice the present priory, no caution can be taken, for they are to have no lands, nor goods, by virtue of their rule, or can or ought to procure any new habitation without the Pope's leave, under pain of excommunication; and they have places enough already hereabouts, viz. at *Burnham*, 4 miles on one side, and at *Snitterley* on the other side, &c.

In the 8th of *Richard II.* they had a grant for turning the way leading from *North Barsham*, and inclosing it, to enlarge their manse.

In the reign of *Henry VI.* *Richard Duke of York*, their patron, aliened to them a messuage, 3 acres of land, a garden, 4 tenements, &c.

*Robert Grey of Walsingham* gave by will, in 1514, to the friars, two pair of censers of silver, of 10 marks value each.

*Robert Pigot*, buried here 1491, gives 6s. 8d. for his burial, 6s. 8d. to pray for his soul, and 6s. 8d. for a breakfast.

*St. Anthony's* altar here.

The site of this house was granted to *John Eyer Esq.* February 20, in the 36th of *Henry VIII.* then in the tenure of *Roger Townsend* and *Thomas Sydney*; valued at its dissolution at 3*l.* per ann. and in or near to it was a lady anchoress in 1526, &c.

*Nehemiah Bond* was owner of it in 1648, and left it to *John Bond* his son, and he held it in 1715.

The church of this friery is said to have been 54 paces long, and 32 broad, and the length and breadth of the great tower in the middle of it, 10 paces.

Sir *Henry Spelman* says\* that Mr. *Jener* was also possessed of it, and left it to his eldest son, *Thomas*, who settled it on his daughter, who married *Bernard Utber*, and was sold, as I take it, by *Utber's* daughter to *Bond*.

The free-school here is said to be founded by one *Bond*, who settled 43*l.* per ann. on the master, &c. *Robert Baxter* at *Aylesham*, by his will, dated April 2, 1572, seems to be a benefactor.

The bridewell was anciently a spittle-house: I find it mentioned in 1486; and in 1491, *Robert Pigot*, by his will dated September 13, gives his messuages, called the *Spittle-house*, with the lands, freemen,

\* Hist. of Sacr. p. 260.

and villains thereto belonging, in *Walsingham* and *Houghton* to *Robert Godfrey*, alias *Butcher*, of *Walsingham*, and others, on condition that they settle them on *John Ederich*, a leprous of *Norwich*, and *Cecil* his wife, for their lives, and after; their assigns to admit thereto (for ever to remain) two leprous men, or one, of good families; and when they died, two, or one other of the same sort.

*Nicholas Well*, citizen and mercer, covenanted with the Earl of *March*, lord of the town, 16th *Richard II.* Jan. 17, the prior, *John* and *Thomas de Lexham*, &c. of this town, to enclose an old way called *Oldmil's Sty*, and to lay out another more convenient. He also built a fountain of stone at *Blethow*.

In 1675, by an account then taken of those in this town, who were above 16 years, the number is said to have been 503. It is a market town, the market being on *Friday*, and has a fair on *Whitsun-Monday*.

It gives title to the Lady *Melosina de Schulemburge*, created by King *George I.* Baroness of *Alborough*, Countess of *Walsingham*, April 10, 1722, and Dutchess of *Kendal*.

## W E L L S,

Called in the grand survey, *Guella*, as seated on a rivulet, near the great *German* ocean: *Gwi*, *Qui*, and *Wy*, are *British* words, and many rivers there are which bear these names. The Conqueror gave the principal part or lordship here to *Aldit*, (and it was the only one that he possessed in this county,) on the deprivation of *Ketel*, who held it with 2 carucates of land in the reign of the Confessor; 5 villains and seven borderers belonged to it, and there were two in demean, with one among the tenants, pasture for 200 sheep, 4 cows, and at the survey 16; also a mill, and it extended into *Warham*, there being 19 socmen with their lands, who resided in *Warham*, as I have there observed.<sup>1</sup>

The whole was valued in *Ketel's* time at 5*l.* but in *Aldit's* at 4*l.* per ann. was one leuca long and one broad, and paid with *Warham* 2*sd.* gelt.

### STAFFORD'S MANOR.

How long *Aldit* possessed it does not appear; after him the *Giffards* Earls of *Bucks* were lords of it, from whom it came to the Earls of *Clare*, as may be seen at large in *Warham-Hall* manor.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *Gilbert de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester*, &c.

<sup>1</sup> Terra Aldit. Guella ten. Ketel T. rec. lx ov. mo. cc i mol. xviii soc. ii R. E. lib ho. ii car. t're. mo. tenet car. t're. &c. sc. val. c sol. mo. iiii lib. Aldit. sep. v villi. sep. vii bor. sep. ii et ht. i leug. long. & lat. alia et xx iiii. car. in d'nio. sep. i car. ho'um. pastura de gelto in Guella et Warham. ad cc ovs. iiii an. tc iiii p. mo. xvi qu.

claimed wreck of sea, and it was found, that if a ship was in danger of a wreck, none of the men of *Wells, Holkham, &c.* dared to help, for fear of the Earl of *Gloucester's* bailiff; that if the ship was broke, and all the men drowned, the Earl had all the goods, but if a dog was left alive; then only a moiety; and that the Earl had a court in *North Greenhow* hundred, in which, if any one was injured, it was difficult to have any remedy. He had also assise of bread and beer, gallows, tumbrell, *infangthyof, &c.* and free warren; and this lordship, with that of *Warham*, was valued at 30*l. ob. q. per ann.*

On the death of *Gilbert de Clare*, the last of that name, Earl of *Gloucester*, in the 7th of King *Edward II.* his estate being divided between his 3 sisters and coheirs, this lordship came to *Margaret*, or *Maud*, who married first, *Piers de Gaveston*, (the King's great favourite,) and after *Hugh de Audley*, who in her right was lord of this town, and Earl of *Gloucester*; and on his death, in the 21st of *Edward III.* it descended to his only daughter, *Margaret*, wife of *Ralph Lord Stafford*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Edmund* Earl of *Stafford* was found to die seized of one fee here held in *capite*, called *Colvoile's* and *Haakbeche's*, late the Earl of *Gloucester's*.

In this family it continued till the attainder of *Edward Stafford* Duke of *Bucks*, who was beheaded *May 13, 1521*, being then valued at 30*l. 11s. 10d. per ann.* and on *July 12*, in the 14th of *Henry VIII.* it was granted to *Thomas Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*, and so remained in that family till the attainder and death of the Duke of *Norfolk*, in 1572.

King *James I.* in the beginning of his reign, gave it to *Henry Howard* Earl of *Northampton*, who was lord in the 7th of the said King; and in 1626, *Thomas Howard* Earl of *Arundel* and *Surry*.

By indenture, dated in the 19th of *Charles II.* *John Dix*, alias *Ramsey*, of *Wickmere* in *Norfolk*, heir to his uncle, *John Dix*, deceased, (a trustee for *Thomas*, late Earl of *Arundel*) being seized of it, for the payment of that Earl's debts, granted and released it to Sir *William Playters* of *Sotterley* in *Suffolk*, Bart. and Sir *Richard Onslow* of *West Clendon* in *Surry*, Knt.

After this, it was possessed by *Thomas Lord Astley*, and by him sold to Sir *Cloudesley Shovell*, an admiral, and so passed to Sir *Charles Turner*, Bart. whose nephew, Sir *John Turner*, Bart. is the present lord.

### NORMAN'S MANOR.

Part of this town was a beruite to the Conqueror's lordship of *Wighton*: here and in *Warham*, one carucate of land belonged to it.\* This seems to have remained in the Crown till King *Henry I.* granted it to *Robert*, son of *Erminius*, and was afterwards forfeited to the Crown, and granted to *Jeffrey Fitz-Piers* Earl of *Essex*, as may be seen in *Northall* manor in *Warham*.

In the 36th of *Henry VIII.* *Ralph Symonds* was found to die possessed of it; and *Ralph Symonds* of *Cley* was his cousin and heir.

\* Terra Regis. In Guelle et in Guarham i car. t're. s. i car. posses'cc.

From the *Symonds's* it came to *Edward Clerk*, Gent. and after to *Mr. Curteys*, merchant of *Well*.

At the survey the Conqueror had also a lordship of which *Godric* was bailiff, or his steward, and was a beruite to his manor of *Stifkey*, in King *Edward's* time, when *Toke* was lord: there was one carucate of land, but when *Godric* entered on it, there was none; 4 borderers then belonged to it, with half a carucate, &c. and 4 socmen, with 8 acres and half a carucate, also 19 socmen, with 40 acres of land, and half a carucate in King *Edward's* time, then valued at 4*l.* now at 6*l.*<sup>3</sup>

This fee seems to have been in the Earls of *Clare*, and so united to the capital manor of *Stafford's*.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had also a lordship here and in *Warham*, held of him by *Ribald*: of this see in *Warham*.

There were also 2 men belonging to the Bishop of *Thetford's* lordship of *Hindringham*, who had 12 acres, with pasture for 100 sheep.<sup>4</sup>

*Peter* Lord *Valoins'* manor of *Bynham* extended into this town, consisting of half a carucate of land, and one borderer, valued at 4*l.* at the survey, after at 20*l.* together with the lordship of *Bynham*, &c.<sup>5</sup>

*Roger* Lord *Valoins*, son of *Peter*, who founded the priory of *Bynham*, gave to that priory all the land of this fee here, which *Robert Godchild* held, and *Robert* his son confirmed it.<sup>6</sup> *Richard*, prior, and the convent of *Norwich*, with the consent of *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, about 1156, gave to the priory part of *Wells-Marsh*, for 5*s.* rent. Several of the family of *De Snaring* gave lands here.

In the 25th of *Henry VI.* the prior had a lete, and goods of felons belonging to his manor. About this time their temporalities were valued at 102*s.* and 1*d.* per ann. At the dissolution it was granted November 15, in the 39d of *Henry VIII.* to Sir *Thomas Paston*.

In the reign of *James I.* it was in the hands of *Edmund Doyly* of *Shottesham*, Esq. and Sir *Cloudesley Shovell*, admiral, had it about 1700; afterwards Sir *Charles Turner*, Bart.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*, anciently valued at 92 marks, *Peter-pence* 9*d.* ob. The prior of *Bynham* had a portion of 10*s.* per ann. On a complaint made by *Thomas*, rector of this church, to the Pope, sans date, for tithe, it was ordered that the priory tithes should be demised to him, for 10*s.* rent per ann. who released to them all their small tithes for 3 lambs, and 3 cheeques per ann. and for the tithe of the mill; if a layman held it, he should pay to the priory two parts of them, and one to the rector.

The present valor is 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays tenths, &c. Sir *William de Clare* gave the church of *Warham* (as it is said) to the abbot of *Fonteney* in *France*; and the abbot, by fine, in the 35th of *Henry III.* granted to him the patronage of this church.

<sup>3</sup> Terra Regis qua<sup>9</sup> Godric. servat. Et huic ville (Stivecai) jacet i beruita Guella T. R. E. i car. t're. i Godric. nil inven. iiii bor. tc. dim. car. p. et mo. i hov. et iiii sokem. viii ac. t're. semp. dim. car. et huic manerio adjacent xiii socm. xl ac. t're. T. R. E. d. car. et mo. tnc. val. iiii lib. mo. redditu lib.

<sup>4</sup> Et in Guella ii ho'es q'i p'tinent huic maner. (Hindringham) de xii ac. past. c ovs.

<sup>5</sup> Terze Petri Valoniensis—Et Duuella jacet huic manerio (Bynham) d. car. terre. i bor. tc. val. iiii lib. et p. mo. val. xx lib.

<sup>6</sup> Reg. Bynham, fol. 1, 2, &c.

## RECTORS.

In 1302, *John de Sydeston* instituted, presented by *Ralph de Monthermer* Earl of Gloucester.

1305, *Thomas de Usk*.

1316, *Richard de Est-Dene*, by *Maud* Countess of Gloucester.

1317, *John de Oving*.

1327, *Philip de Handbury*, by *Hugh de Audele*.

1366, *John de Rothwell*, by *Ralph* Earl of Stafford.

1376, *Mr. William Langeton*, by *Hugh* Earl of Stafford, lord of Tunbridge; he was prebend of *Apeldurham*, in the church of *Boreham*, and of *Priestcomb* in the church of *Crediton*, benefices belonging to the church of *Chichester*.

1414, *William Darcy*, by *Sir William Bouchier*, and *Lady Anne*, Countess of Stafford.

1427, *Thomas Croxby*.

1446, *Mr. Thomas Bradley*, by *Humphrey* Duke of Bucks.

1469, *John Southwell*, alias *Tatershall*, by *Margaret* Countess of Stafford.

1465, *Mr. William Dudley*, by *Sir Richard Darell*, in right of *Margaret*, aforesaid, his wife: he was afterwards Bishop of *Derham*.

1466, *John Burton*.

1495, *Mr. John Danby*, archdeacon of *St. David's*, by *Catharine* Dutchess of Bedford and Bucks.

1502, *Edward Lee*, by *Edward* Duke of Bucks: he was afterwards Archbishop of York.

1532, *James Lemellinis*, by *Thomas* Duke of Norfolk.

*Mr. John Reyner*, rector.

1558, *Richard Brewernar*.

1565, *John Kellet*.

1580, *William Toll*, by the Queen. In 1591, the rector had sequences for his right of tithe of the *Iceland* fishing, according to ancient custom.

*James Spotwood* compounded for his first fruits as rector, in December, 1603, presented by the King.

*George Ramsey*, rector, compounded in February, 1621.

*Mungo Murray* compounded in February, 1638.

About this time the Earl of *Arundel* was patron.

*John Garlick*, rector, died 1717, and *Thomas Jessop* was presented by *Edward Relf*.

1744, *Robert Fountain*, on the resignation of *William Morgan*, by *John Cory*, clerk.

1755, *John Robinson*, by *James Robinson*, Gent.

In this church were the gilds of *St. Nicholas*, and of the Holy Ghost.

The church is a regular pile, built of flint and other stone, as most churches are in *Norfolk*, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, with a chancel, covered with lead, and a four-square tower.

Over the south porch are 4 shields carved on stone; 3 lions guardant, in pale, passant;—a chief indented;—vairy;—a chevron between three annulets.

Over the south door in the church, the history of the flood is painted, and over the north door that of *Jonas*.

In the north isle several of the family of *Tyd* lie buried. Here is a gallery.

Also a gravestone,

*In memory of John Clark, gent. who died September 14, 1707, aged 82; with these arms, argent, a saltire, between four nag's heads erased, azure, Clark; impaling ermine, a chief indented.*

In the chancel, one for,

*Elizabeth and Lucy, daughters of John Clarke, gent. and Lucy his wife; with the arms of Clark, impaling ermine, an eagle displayed, gules, Bedingfeld.*

On a gravestone near the communion table, is the portraiture of a priest, in brass; on 2 labels—*Jesu mercy;—Lady help;—and Orate p. a'i'a. Thome Bradley qui quondam fuit rector eccl'ie de Wellyn, et qui fuit p'bendarius eccl'ie de Plessy, Oct. 5, 1499.*

On the south wall,

*In memoriam Annæ uxoris Josuæ Sporne filia Ricæ Driver, clericæ &c. obi. 1686.*

Over the vestry door, on the north wall, a little tablet of marble, with the arms of *Murray*, *azure*, three mullets, *argent*, in a double tressure of Scotland.

*Lector hoc est monumentum Kentigerni Moravi, theolog. philosoph. astronom. ingenio felici et exculto, et vitâ integerrimâ; qui inter Scotos oriundus, antiquâ Moravorum familiâ liberalium artium cognitione animum Andrecopoli in Leonardino collegio induit, et ibidem p. undecem annos philosophiæ professione nobilibus undiq; juvenibus frequentata optimam bonæ mentis culturam auxit et probavit, omnibus. Exinde in Angliam commigrans, alieno solo degens, indigena est habitus, nam hic annor. triginta duor. sacro defunctus ministerio, pastor gregis amantissimus, eiq; suo merito charissimus mysta, symmystis conjunctissimus; desideratus obi. moriens collegio Leonardino lectissimis multis instructam libris suam legavit bibliothecam, nostrorum pauperum inopiam redditu sublevavit, annus, et successorum suor. commodis manifestè prospexit.*

Over the vestry door,

*Orate p. a'i'a. Thome Bradley qui istam cancellam fieri fecit.*

In the east window were the arms of Lord *Stafford*, or, a chevron, *gules*, impaling those of *Thomas of Woodstock Duke of Gloucester*; also *Stafford* and *Nevill*, and *argent*, three lioncels passant, in pale.

There is a brass eagle, for the Bible, and to read the lessons.

## HAPPING HUNDRED.

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IN the reign of King *Edward* the Confessor, and at the survey, it is written *Hapincha*, and *Hapinga*, and in that of *Henry* the First's *Happesburgh*, as appears from the charter of that King to the abbey of *Wymondham*: *Will. de Burgh*, in the 5th of *Henry* III. farmed this hundred, and those of *East* and *West Flegg*, of the Crown, at 18s. *per ann.* In the following year, the abbot of *Holm*, and *William* Lord *Montchensey*, were impleaded for keeping a ferry-boat, and taking of every foot passenger an halfpenny. The said abbot, in the 3d of *Edward* I. was found to have made a *purpresture* on the common bank of the river that ran between this hundred and that of *Flegg*, and that, with the prior of *Norwich* and Lord *Montchensey*, hindered persons from fishing on the said bank, (which is common,) unless a certain rent was paid to them.

*John de Clavering* farmed the said hundreds in the 9th of *Edw.* II.

King *James* I. by letters patents, dated *December* 29, in the -- year of his reign, granted to Sir *Cha. Cornwallis* this hundred of *Happing*, during the lives of *Charles Cornwallis*, Esq. eldest son of Sir *William Cornwallis*, and *Thomas Cornwallis*, son of Sir *Will.* and the life of *Tho. Cornwallis*, Esq. 2d son of Sir *Charles*, paying for it, with all its rights, court leets, felons goods, &c. 6l. 15s. 4d. ob. *per ann.*

*Ab*, *Av*, and *Ap*, signifies in the *British* language *water*, or a river, and so specifies a hundred in watery meadows, thus *Apton* in *Tunsted* hundred.

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## BRUNSTEAD

WAS a beruite to *Roger Bigot's* great lordship of *Sutton*, at the survey, and was held of *Roger* by *Robert*; of this *Edric* was deprived on the conquest, who had 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, and 4 borderers, with one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants; a church endowed with 9 acres, &c. 8 acres of meadow, a mill, &c. 40 sheep, and 30 goats; 17 freemen held 110 acres under protection only, and *St. Bennet's* abbey had the protection of one; and there were 2 borderers with 2 carucates and 2 acres of meadow. One free-



man also had 15 acres;<sup>1</sup> and this at the survey belonged to *Bigot's* fee, and out of this arose 2 lordships.

The family of *de Gerner* were lords of one in the 41st of *Henry III.* when a fine was levied between *Stephen de Gerner*, and *William de Gerner*, and *Alice* his wife.

*Stephen de Granarijs*, or *Gerner*, held half a fee of *Hugh de Vere*, of the Lord *Montchensy*, and he of *Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*; in the said reign this *Sir Hugh* had it in right of *Dionysia* his wife, daughter and heir of *William* Lord *Monchensie*.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *William* son of *William de Gerner*, was under age, and the custody of his lands belonged to *John de Rudham*, and of his body to *Rob. de Tateshale*, who granted it to *John*, son of *John L'Estrange-Tateshale*, who held it in capite, as heir to the *Albini's*, Earls of *Arundel*, to whom it came by the marriage of a daughter of *Roger Bigot's*; and in the 9th of *Edward I.* *William de Gerner* was lord; and *William de Gerner* and *Roger de Walsham*, held each a quarter of a fee.

*John de Walsham* held a quarter of a fee of the manor of *Sutton*, of Lord *Mowbray*, in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*Griffith Lloyd*, and *Catherine* his wife, in the 22d of *Edward IV.* convey the lordship of *Brumstede*, *Walsham's*, with lands in *Stalham*, &c. to *John Richers*, Esq. who by certain deeds, appears to be a lawyer of *Grey's Inn*, from the heirs of *Catharine*, likely the heiress of *Walsham*; and in 1500, *John Richers* of *Swanington*, by his will, dated March 4, gives it to *Henry* his son, who conveyed it in the 34th of *Henry VIII.* to *Jeffrey Osborne*, in trust, and *Henry Richers*, Esq. son of *Henry*, inherited it.

The family of the *Parkers* had a lordship, held of *William* Lord *Monchensie*, and he of the *Bigots*, in the reign of *Henry III.*

*William le Parker* had a lordship, and a grant of free warren in the 56th of *Henry III.* and in the 9d of *Edward I.* *William le Parker*, and *William le Gerner*, had wreck at sea in *Eccles*.

*John de Leem*, in the 6th of *Edward II.* conveyed by fine, to *William le Parker* and *Agatha* his wife, 19 messuages, 120 acres of land in several towns, with a messuage and lands here, and two parts of this manor and advowson.

*Sir William le Parker* was lord, and lived here in the 4th of *Eduard III.* as was *John Parker* in the 20th of that King.

*Hugh Falstolf* and *Robert Caly* settled the manor of *Parker's* on *William Parker* and *Margaret* his wife, in tail, in the 5th of *Richard II.*; and *Margaret Parker*, widow, of *Great Yarmouth*, relict of *William Parker* of *Brumstede*, by her will, dated June, 1420, requires to be buried in the church of *St. Peter's* of this town, by her husband;<sup>2</sup> gives her seals, and the arms of *Eccles*, to *Oliver Mendham*, clerk, and was proved in 1423, November 29.

This *Oliver*, on February 20, in the 17th of *Henry VI.* as a trustee, grants to *William d'Engain* and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of

<sup>1</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti. — Jacet scilicet hinc manerio (v. z. Sutton) Brumstada ten. Robts. qua' ten. Edric. ii car. t're semp. ii vill' et iii bord. tnc. et p. i car. in d' nio. mo. ii sep. i car. hom. i ecclia ix ac. silva xvi por. et viii ac. p'ti. mo.

i mol. i an. mo. x por. et xl ov. et xxx cap. et xvii libi. ho's cu ac. com'datione tantu' et Sca. Bened. com'datione de uno sep. ii bord. et ii car. et ii ac. p'ti. et tenet ide. — In Brumstada i lib. ho. xv ac.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Hurning. Norw. fol. 186.

*Margaret*, a moiety of this, and *Eccles* lordships; remainder to *Alice*, wife of *Peter d'Engain*, and her heirs; remainder to the right heirs of *William Parker*.

By this it seems they were the two daughters and coheirs of *William Parker*, and *Margaret* his wife. He bore *argent*, three bucks heads caboshed, *gules*; she seems to be of the family of *De Eccles*, who bore, *argent*, on a saltire, *gules*, two crossier staffs in saltire, *or*, and a leopard's head, of the first, in the centre.

*Edward Calthorp*, Esq. and *Thomasine* his wife, convey the manor of *Parker's* to Sir *Thomas Wodehouse*; and his son, Sir *Henry*, was lord about 1580, and sold it to *Thomas Gryme*.

Sir *Henry Nevill* was lord of the manor in 1603, and patron of the rectory; and in 1740 the Lord *Abergavenny*, from whom it came to the Earl of *Orford*, in whose family it remains.

*Robert Malet*, in the 20th of *Henry III.* held one fee here of *Roger Bigod* Earl of *Norfolk*; and *Jeffrey de Turges* and *Julian* his wife, and *Simon de Boleyn*, released their interest herein, in the 37th of that King, to *Jeffrey de Burdevile*, which *Petronnilla de Malet*, widow of *Robert Malet*, uncle of *Julian*, and cousin of *Simon*, held in dower.

*Robert Roose*, or *Rouse*, held also half a fee of *Hugh de Vere*, and he of the Earl-Marshal *Bygot*, in *Edward* the First's reign; one of the same name held it in the 2d of *Edward II.*; and in the 5th of *Edward III.* *Henry*, son of Sir *Robert Rose*, conveyed the manor of *Rose-Hall* in *Brunstede*, to *Margaret*, widow of *John Elys* of *Great Yarmouth*, &c. *Reginald Hervey*, and *Isabel* his wife, convey to *John Elys*, of *Brunstede*, four marks rent out of lands held here, &c. in the 18th of *Richard II.*

Sir *Miles Stapleton*, Sir *Simon Felbrigg*, &c. held it as feoffees in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

The tenths were 3*l.* 9*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The temporalities of *Bromholm* were 12*d.*;—of *Weyborn* 1*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *St. Peter*. *William* Lord *Montchensy* was lord and patron in the reign of *Edward I.* The rector had a manse with 30 acres of land, valued at 8 marks. *Peterpence* 12*d.*

## RECTORS.

1906, *William de Lavenham*, instituted, presented by Sir *Hugh de Vcer*.

1907, *Richard de Wynneferthyng*.

1912, *Robert de Stanford*.

1935, *Henry de Ingelby*.

1939, *William de Engain*.

1939, *John Strongman*.

1942, *Richard de Swaffham*, by *Laurence de Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke*.

1947, *John Bolour*.

1949, *Baldwin de Merwod*, by Lady *Agnes de Hastings* Countess of *Pembroke*.

1949, *Henry de Plumstede*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1350, *Adam Charles*, by *John Hackeluyt*.

1352, *Walter Amyas*, by *Sir John Hackeluyt*.

1353, *John Abraham*.

1358, *William de Toggsford*, by *Agnes Countess of Pembroke*,

1372, *John Curson*, rector.

1372, *Alan de Lexham*, by *John Hastings Earl of Pembroke*.

1386, *Robert Grape*, by the King.

1390, *William Page*.

1390, *William Sweyn*.

1391, *Thomas More*, by the King: he was treasurer of the collegiate church of *Aberguilly*, receiver of all debts due to *Queen Ann*, deceased.

1396, *John Rykinghale*, by *Richard Earl of Arundel*.

In the 2d of *Henry IV*. *Philippa*, widow of *John de Hastings Earl of Pembroke*, had the patronage.

*Robert Lord* died in 1727, and

*Bereford Baker* then presented, by *William Lord Abergavenny*.

1729, *John Gardiner*. Ditto.

*John Riches* was rector in 1608, and returned 64 communicants; and *Sir Henry Nevill* was then patron.

*Dr. John Gardiner*, rector in 1745.

The present valor is 6*l.* 5*s.* 6*d.* and is discharged.

In the church were the arms of *Felbrig*, *Stapleton*, *Arundel*, and *Earl Warren*; quarterly, *argent*, in a bend between two cottises ingrailed, three buckles, *sable*, *Gymingham*. *Hastings*, and *Valence* quarterly. *Parker*. *Argent*, a chevron, *ermin*, between three crowns *sable*, impaling *Ingham*. *Foulman* married a daughter of *Sir Oliver de Ingham*.

*Walcote*,—*gules*, a cross, recercele, pomette, *argent*, *Ross*. *Azure*, a fess, dauncy, between six escallops, *argent*, *D'Engain*. *Norwich*. *Kerdeston*.

## CATFIELD.

THE abbot's manor of *Ludham* extended into this town, and was part of his barony, and held it by the gift of King *Canute*. In the reign of *Edward I*. there was an agreement between *Sir Hugh de Vere*, and *Dionysia* his wife, who held a moiety of the town, as heir to the barony of *Montchensy*, about the right of common here, as may be seen in *Ludham*; the abbot enjoyed the same privileges here as in other manors; and his temporalities, in 1428, were valued at 40*s.*

On the exchange of lands, &c. between King *Henry VIII*. and the Bishop of *Norwich*, it came to that see, and continues so at this day, as it is held of the Bishop by lease.

*Alan Earl of Richmond* had, at the survey, 5 acres of land, valued at 6*d.* of which a freeman had been deprived.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup> Terra Alani Comitis.—In Catefelda i lib. ho. v ac. et val. vi*d.*

*Edric de Laxfield* had a lordship here in King *Edward* the Confessor's time, it being a beruite to *Sutton*, and granted to *Roger Bigot*, who had a carucate of land held by 2 borderers, and one carucate in demean, half a one among the tenants, 18 acres of meadow; a church with 20 acres, and 20 freemen under protection only, had 2 carucates of land, 4 carucates and 14 acres of meadow; the King and the Earl had the soc at the survey.\*

*Roger Bigot's* manor of *Sutton* extended also into this town, and was held in the reign of *Edward I.* by *William Lord Monchensey*, of *Roger Bigot*, Earl of *Norfolk*, and was patron of a mediety of the church, which his heirs and descendants enjoyed, as will appear by the presentations.

*Walter de Calthorp* held in the 17th of *Edward II.* the 3d part of a fee of the barony of *Monchensey*, which *Adomare de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke* held.

The tenths were 6*l.* 14*s.* Deducted 14*s.*

The temporalities of the abbey of *Cain* in *Normandy* were 5*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and consists of 2 medieties; —one of them was in the patronage of the abbot of *Holm*, the rector of which had in the reign of *Edward I.* a grange and 8 acres, valued at 19 marks. *Peter-pence*, 17*d.*

## RECTORS.

*William Cryketot* was rector, *sans date.*

1337, *Ralph de Depham* instituted, presented by the King, the abbey being void.

1338, *Peter de Pakefield*, by the abbot.

*Adam de Stoke*, rector.

1375, *John Aleyn.*

1395, *John Lynstock.*

1424, *Henry Daweson.*

1436, *Jahn Gnateshale.*

1442, Mr. *John Aylesham*, S.T.B.

1445, *John Teryce.*

1460, *John Walter.*

1479, *John Purdy.*

1486, *Thomas*, abbot of *St. Bennet*, by *John Duke of Suffolk*, *has vice.*

1493, Mr. *Peter Greve*, by the abbot, &c.

1494, *Walter Cottesev.* Ditto.

1506, *Thomas Lyng.*

1518, *Peter Duval.*

1529, *Thomas Barlow*, by *Thomas Godsalve*, *has vice.*

1538, *Richard Milson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1542, *James Routh*, by the Bishop of *Norwich.*

*Joseph Batteson*, rector.

*Richard Milson* occurs rector 1693.

\* T're. Rogeri Bigoti—Huic manerio ecclia xx ac. et xx libi. ha'ca som'da-  
(viz. Sutton) jacet i beruita Catefelda. tione tantu' ii car. t're. semp. iiii car. et  
i car. tre. semp. ii bord. et i car in dno xiiii ac. p'd. Rex et Com. soca.  
et dim. car. ham. et xviii ac. p'd. i

1680, *John Connould*, by the Bishop.

1708, *Samuel Bond*. Ditto.

1723, *James Virtue*. Ditto.

1732, *Roger Donne*. Ditto.

The present valor is 7l. 10s. and is discharged.

The other mediety was also valued at 19 marks, and the rector had a grange with 8 acres. *Pter-pence*, 17d. in the reign of *Edward I.* and *William Lord Moncheinsey* was then patron.

## RECTORS.

*Landulph de Florentia* was rector about 1290.

1303, *Robert de Winfurthing*, by Sir *Hugh de Veer*.

1301, *John de Kesting*, by Sir *John de Bromwich*, lord of *Irchenfeld*.

1376, *John Simonds*, by Sir *Giles de Talbot*.

1393, Mr. *William Frisby*, by *Richard Talbot* lord of *Irchingfeld*.

1436, *Nicholas Gagsbald*, by *John Lord Talbot* and *Furneval*.

1460, *Thomas Chapelyn*, by *John Earl of Shrewsbury*.

1461, *Henry Stevens*, by the King.

1463, *John Waters*, by the King.

1495, Mr. *Walter Catesby*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1514, *John Lyng*. Ditto.

1518, *John Asketyll*, by the Earl of *Shrewsbury*.

1537, *Thomas Barlow*, by the assigns of the Earl of *Shrewsbury*.

1558, *George Thurston*, by the Earl of *Shrewsbury*,

*John Holt* or *Hart*, S. T. B. occurs rector in 1593.

1609, *Anthony Harrison*, by the King.

1638, *Daniel Clayton*, A. M. by *Richard Wenman*, assignee of the Earl of *Shrewsbury*.

1640, *William Eaton*, by *Thomas Earl of Arundel*, &c.

1641, *Alexander Kirby*, by *John Earl of Shrewsbury*.

*Joshua Balleston*, rector of both medieties.

1680, *John Connould*, by *Charles Earl of Shrewsbury*.

1708, *Samuel Bond*, ditto, by the Duke of *Shrewsbury*.

1723, *James Vertue*. Ditto.

1732, *Roger Donne*. Ditto.

The present valor is 7l. 10s. and is discharged.

In the cross isle of the church on a gravestone,

*Orate p. a'v'a. Rici. Hoo nup. rector de Thorp juxta Norwicum.*

In the church was the quartered coat of the Earl of *Shrewsbury* in a garter; also the arms of *Calthorp Bacon*, *Wythe*, *Wachesham*, and *St. Omer*, quarterly.—Bishop *Lyhart* of *Norwich*, *argent*, a bull passant, *sable*, attired, *or*, in a bordure, bezantee, *azure*, two bars, *gules*; and *St. Bennet's* abbey, *sable*, a crosier between two crowns, *or*, a dexter hand, *argent*, in the chief sinister point.

*Catherine*, widow of *Thomas Bewfeld*, alderman of *Norwich*, gave 40s. to the church in 1504.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints* and *St. Thomas*; *All-Souls* light, *St. Mary*, *St. Nicholas*, and *Holy Cross* lights.

In 1510, *Robert Clark* wills to be buried in the church, and a table

of *St. Thomas* of "*Ynde (India)* which I have caused to be made, I wol have it stond in *Catfeld* church "

In the 22d of *Henry VIII.* *Nicholas Grave* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine to *Roger Wodehouse*, Esq. the manor of *Catfeld's*, alias *Cobb's*, & messuages, lands, and a several fishery here, and in the neighbouring town, with the advowson of *St. Michael de Much Pool*, (that is *St. Michael at Pleas*) in *Norwich*.

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## ECCLES

**W**A*s* an hamlet to the great lordship of *Hapsburgh*, held by *Edric* the *Dane*, in the Confessor's time, and after by *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, who, on his rebellion against the Conqueror, forfeited it. At the survey it was in the King's hands, and *Godric* took care of it as steward to the King; and it is accpunted for in the book of *Domesday* in *Hapsburgh*.

The Conqueror, soon after the survey, gave it to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*, in frank marriage with *Idu de Tony*; and the said *Roger* gave it on the marriage of *Maud* his daughter, to *William de Albini*, ancestor of the Earls of *Arundel*, &c. and the King's butler.

This lordship was held by the family of *Le Parker*, and by that of *de Gener*, in two moieties. In the 20th of *Henry III.* *John le Parker* had half a fee, of the honour of *Ryving* castle; in the 52d of that King, *William de Parker* of *Brunstead* had wreck at sea here; and in the 54th a fine was levied between him, and *William de l'Gerner*, by which it was agreed that the patronage of the church of *Eccles* should be alternate.

On *Wednesday* after the feast of *St. Gregory*, in the 33d of *Edward I.* by an inquisition taken at *Eccles*, before *Robert Hereward*, sheriff of *Norfolk*, it was found that *William le Parker* held this lordship of the inheritance of *Nichola*, formerly wife of *John de Somery*, as sister and coheir of the fourth part of the inheritance of *Hugh*, formerly Earl of *Arundel*, by half a fee; that there was a geld paid to the hundred of *Happing*, by the men of *Eccles*, and the tenants of the said *William*, besides 12d. which he paid for himself; and that the said *William* had these liberties belonging to his manor:

Cognisance of the pleas of his tenants and others, in his court here, to be held at his will;—also once a year, he had view of frank pledge, at one day's warning, as he pleases, from the feast of *St. Martyn*, in winter, till *Easter*, at which day he shall, for the certainty of the lete of his tenants, and residents within the lete, and the capital pledges and headboroughs at that day, pay a geld fee (sum not mentioned) to the bailiff of the hundred.

Also at that view the headboroughs shall answer the lord for all transgressions done in the said village, by any strangers in the whole

year, or deliver to the lord the goods taken by distress of the delinquents.

Also the aforesaid *William* hath in the said village, wreck of sea, toll, *lagan*, and resting geld, customs and other profits upon the sea, and upon the land; to gather, and keep which, one bedel ought to be chose by all the headboroughs at the view.

Also the said *William* hath a custom, that of every crew of a ship, or boat, washing their nets in the said village, after *Michaelmas* to *Martlemas*, he shall have an hundred herrings.

Also he claims liberty of resting-geld, of the beasts of any strangers, resting one night on the common of the said village, in shack time, or in the time when the lands are enclosed of any tenant, for every fat beast an *ob.* as for horses, bullocks, oxen, steers, and cows, and for hogs not ringed, and for 3 hogs ringed, *ob.* and for 3 sheerlings, *ob.* for 3 calves, *ob.* for four geese, *ob.* and for 4 pigs, *ob.* and so in any other time, as well as in shack-time, he shall have of resting-geld double.

And he hath also another custom of resting-geld, that of all goods, chattels, things, and merchandises, coming to land by sea, without the help of the said *William* or his servant, or resting upon the land one day and one night, the said *William* shall have of all things worth 20s. 14d. and the price of those ought to be set by 4 or 6 of the headboroughs of the view of frank-pledge; and if the said *William* or his men, &c. immediately after imminent danger or after shipwreck, shall do their endeavour to save such things, then the said *William* shall have a third part of all such things, or the value of them, unless of his good will he will omit something, but must not be asked.

And if the aforesaid goods, merchandises, and other such goods and chattels, have rested there above one night and one day, then he shall have of them according to his pleasure, and according to what the possessors of them can agree among themselves.

Also he hath free bull and boar, wherever they shall stray through the whole hundred of *Happing*, no where to be impounded.

Also weyf and stray, liberty of a gallows and tumbrel, stolen goods of felons, free warren, and whatever is found far in the sea, called jetsan, free fold, so that no man can have a fold, unless for a certain fine, paid to him; common pasture for all cattle, and free fishing in the marshes of *Ingham*, *Hickling*, *Lesingham*, *Hempstede*, *Palling*; *Waxham*, and *Horsey*, yet no one of the said villages has any right of common here, or any in the said village, except they hold their tenements of this manor, and unless they hire it yearly of the said *William*.

Also all the tenants of the said *William* shall be free from toll in all places in *England*, for all things to be sold.

He also hath other customs; *heweshift*, *reveshift*, *hirdeshift*, *ingeld-felsne*, and *bedgild*, well known among them.

*Herdershift*, whereby the whole homage ought every year to choose one shepherd, for whom they ought to answer for the keeping the sheep of the said *William*.

*Heweshift*, *reveshift*, and *ingel*, are tributes paid to the lord's tenants.

*Felsne*, is money paid by the tenants to the lord, and was 30s. per ann. for the common aid.

*Bedgild* is at every wedding of the men and women of the homage, the lord was to have a certain bed, or the price, according to the degree of the person married, whether noble or ignoble.

All these liberties and customs were allowed to belong to the aforesaid *William Parker*, by the high sheriff and jury in the inquisition abovementioned.

*Will. le Parker*, Esq. was living, and lord in the 9th of *Henry IV.* and sealed with three bucks heads, caboshed, and seems to have left 2 daughters and coheirs, married to the *d' Engains*.

On *February 30*, in the 17th of *Henry VI.* *Oliver Mendham*, clerk, a trustee, granted to *William d' Engain*, and *Margaret* his wife, and the heirs of *Margaret*, a moiety of this manor and advowson, and in fault of *Margaret's* issue, remainder to *Alice*, wife of *Peter d' Engain*; and *William Dengain*, Esq. presented to this church in 1446, and 1466.

After this, it was in the *Coots*. *Richard Coots* of *Blownorton*, Esq. who married *Margaret*, daughter of ——— *Calthorp*, was lord in the reign of *Henry VII.* and left it to his son, *Christopher*, who sold it to *Ann Stede*, widow of *John Stede*, Esq. in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* *January 13*, and she gave it to her son, *William Brampton*, Esq. by her husband, *John Brampton*, Esq. *William* dying s. p. was succeeded herein, by his brother, *Thomas Brampton*, Esq. who by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ——— *Rookwood* of *Langham* in *Norfolk*, left *Henry* his son and heir, who inherited it.

This *Henry*, and *Catharine* his wife, passed it by fine to *Roger Drury*, Gent. of *Yarmouth*, with 10 messuages, 5 cottages, 140 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 30 of pasture, 10 of wood, 200 of heath, and 20s. rent in this town, and *Hapsburgh*, and kept his first court in the 37th of *Elizabeth*: *Roger* was 2d son of *William Drury*, Esq. of *Beshorp*, and father of *Sir Drue Drury* of this town, and *Rollsby*, Knt. and Bart.

The family of *De Gerner* (as I have observed) held a moiety of this manor; and *William de Gerner* held it by half a fee in the 41st of *Henry III.* of the honour of *Ryving* castle.

*William*, son of *William de Gerner*, was lord in the 14th of *Edw. I.* and had free warren. *William de Gerner* and *Lucia* his wife, settled in trust on *Alexander*, son of *Walter de Walsots*, and *Thomas* his brother, 16 messuages, 120 acres of land, 12 of pasture, 31 of wood, and 40s. rent in this town, *Hempsted*, *Palling*, and *Stalham*, with the advowson of this church.

*Alexander Gerner*, and *Drogo* his son, were living in the 31st of *Edward III.* and *Drogo* gave lands in the 40th of that King, in *Tunsted*, to the vicar of that church, for life.

*John de Beketon* was lord in the 3d of *Henry IV.* and held it by half a fee of the castle of *Ryving*: and in the 8th of *Henry V.* *Sir Ralph Cromwell* held it in capite. After this, it seems to be in the *Calthorps* and *Sir William Calthorp* had an interest herein in the 22d of *Edward IV.*

*Francis Calthorp*, in the 19th of *Henry VIII.* let to farm, to *Thomas Woodhouse*, Esq. of *Waxham*, the site of the manor of *Eccles* for 99 years, which lease was assigned *November 7*, in the 34th of *Elizabeth*, to *Roger Drury*, Esq. lord of the other moiety, who conveyed his right therein to *Thomas Corbet*, Esq. of *Spronston*, with his own lordship, in 1611.

*Ann Corbet*, widow of *Thomas Corbet*, mother of *Miles Corbet*, Esq. and *Mary* his wife, *Ed. Corbet*, clerk, and *Maud* his wife, in the 19th



of King *Charles I.* sell it to *Thomas Thorogood* and *Frances* his wife, who let it for 43*l.* per ann.

This *Thomas* was rector of *Cressingham Magna*, and kept his first court here in 1645, *January 15.*

On *May 20*, 1668, *Thomas Thorowgood* sold it for 720*l.* to *Edward Lamb*, of *Cawston*; and *Edward Lamb*, Gent. was lord in the 9th of *William III.* and *John Lamb*, Gent. presented to the church as lord in 1738.

In 1605, the inhabitants of this village petitioned that their taxes might be moderated, setting forth that it had been a good town for fishermen, and that 80 of more householders had inhabited it, and 1300 acres of land belonged to it, but there were at that time but 14 householders, and not above 300 acres of land, the rest being all destroyed by the sea, together with the church; and in the 19th of King *Charles I.* at a sessions in *January*, at *Norwich*, they set forth that there had been 2000 acres, and 100 only were left, and they daily wasting.

In this village the abbey of *St. Bennet* had at the survey, a freeman, who held 15 acres, and paid all customary dues, valued at 15*d.* per ann. The King and the Earl had the soc.<sup>s</sup>

How this passed at the Dissolution does not appear.

The tenths were 3*l.* 12*s.* Deducted nothing.

The temporalities of the abbey of *Beck* in *Normandy*, with *Okeburn* priory, 4*s.* Of *Bromholm* priory, 2*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and is a rectory; the old valor was 15 marks, and paid *Peter-pence*, 12*d.*

In the 4th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *William de Estre*, querent, and *Alan de Eccles*, deforciant, of customs and services claimed by *William*, out of 16 acres of land in *Eccles*, granted to *Alan*, to be held of *William* by one mark rent per ann. *Alan* releasing to *William* one acre of land at *Thornholm*, and his right in the advowson of the church, by fine.

In the reign of *Edward I.* the rector had 9 acres.

## RECTORS.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Thomas* occurs rector, probably *Thomas Walcot*.

1347, *Thomas le Roper*, presented by *Alexander Gerner*.

1349, *Robert Helwys*, by *John Godwine*, &c.

1349, *John Hakun*, by *John*, son of *Sir William Parker* of *Brunsted*, Knt.

1365, *Thomas Gerner*, by *Alexander Gerner*.

*John de Catton* occurs rector in 1384.

1391, *Thomas More*, by *William Parker*.

1421, *Stephen Myngot*, by *John Kyghley*, attorney of *Sir Ralph Cromwell*.

1423, *John At-yates*, by *Oliver Mendham*.

1446, *William Pope*, by *William Dengain*.

<sup>s</sup> Terra S'ci Benedicti de Hulm—In c om'i consuetudine s. Rex. et Comes  
Eccles i. lib. ho. xv. ac. qd. ten. S'cs. B. soca. et val. xvd.

*John Smillington*, rector.

1466, *Robert Howys*, by *William Dengain*, Esq.

1484, *Thomas Avour*, by *Gilbert Broom*.

1503, *John Underwode*, Bishop of *Calcedon*, and rector of *North Creke*, by *Mary Coote*, widow.

1540, *Christopher Grene*, by *William Lyster*, assignee of *Christopher Coote*, Esq.

1551, *John Collison*, by *Thomas Brampton*, Esq.

1558, *Henry Barker*. Ditto.

1560, *Thomas Rede*. Ditto.

1582, *John Skynner*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1611, *Thomas Haslup*, by *Roger Drury*, Esq.

*Peter Cushion*, rector.

1661, *Christopher Spendlove*, by *Thomas Thorowgood*, clerk.

1679, *Peter Tubbing*, by *John Tubbing*.

1738, *Philip Smith*, by *John Lamb*.

The present valor is 8*l.* and is discharged. In the church was the chantry of *St. Catharine*, and that of *Jesus* and *St. Mary*.

There was a family that took their name from this town, and had an interest herein. *Agnes*, late wife of *Reginald de Eccles*, by her testament, dated on *Wednesday* next before the feast of *St. Andrew*, 1381, gives her body to be buried in the church of *St. Peter* of *Manscroft*, by the body of *Alexander* her husband.

*John de Eccles* aliened to the prior of *Hickling* lands and tenements here, in the 3*d* of *Richard II.*

## HAPPESBURGH.

**E**DRIC, a thane, or nobleman of *Danish* extraction, (as I take it,) held this great lordship in the reign of King *Edward*; of whom see in *Sutton*: 21 villains, 20 borderers, and 3 servi, had 13 carucates of land, there were three in demean also, with 9 carucates of meadow among the tenants, paurage for 16 swine, 4 cows, 18 swine, and 200 sheep; and 21 socmen held then 86 acres, and 5 carucates; twelve freemen held 4 carucates of land, of whom *Edric* had the protection only, and 8 villains, and 9 borderers, and a moiety of another belonged to them, with one servus, and half a carucate. These *Edric*, a man or dependant of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, seized on or invaded, and pledged them: there were then 10 carucates, and *Ralph*, the Earl of *Norfolk*, (who had a grant of this lordship on the expulsion of *Edric* the Dane,) added those freemen to the lordship, and so subjected them to the lord, with certain rents and duties, who before only chose one of power to protect them.

On this, we find that their tenures were taxed with the lordship, and *Ralph Guader*, Earl of *Norfolk*, was their lord, when he forfeited

this manor, on his rebellion, valued at 7*l.* and what the freemen had at 40*s.*

In *Ralph's* time it was valued at 10*l.* at the survey it paid in all, 16*l.* quitrent, and 20*s.* for an income, and was one leuca and a half long, and the same in breadth, and 30*d.* also income whoever may be lord.<sup>6</sup> *Robert Malet* claimed this lordship, and says that his father possessed it, when he was made marshal of the army, and the hundred witnessed this, but yet he did not hold it at the time of his death.<sup>7</sup>

After this, the Conqueror granted it to *Roger Bigot*, ancestor to the Earls of *Norfolk*. He gave it in frank marriage with his daughter, *Maud*, to *William de Albiny*, the King's, butler ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel* and *Sussex*.

This *William*, on his foundation of the priory of *Wymondham*, granted this whole town of *Happesburgh* (except the land of *Ansgot* the chamberlain) to the said priory, which was a cell to the abbey of *St. Alban's*,<sup>8</sup> and, afterwards, at the burial of the aforesaid *Maud* his wife, confirmed the aforesaid grant, and on the said day gave the priory possession by delivering them a cross of silver, &c. King *Henry I.* and *Richard I.* granted them many privileges, and the prior, as lord of this manor, enjoyed the same privileges as the abbot of *St. Alban's*.

King *Henry III.* in his 39th year, *April 17*, directed his writ to *Robert Savage*, high sheriff of *Norfolk*, to cause a jury of 12 men, as well knights as lawful freemen to enquire, on oath, whether this prior, &c. had, or ought to have, the privileges that he claimed; witness, *Henry de Bath*, at *Westminster*; and he proved his right by charter; he had wreck at sea from the bounds of *Eccles* to the boundaries or division of this hundred, and that of *Tunstede*, and all ecclesiastical jurisdiction in this manor,<sup>9</sup> as appears by a sentence given for them against the dean of *Waxham*, &c. by virtue of the privileges of Popes to the abbey of *St. Alban's*, of which this priory was a cell.

The temporalities of this priory, in 1428, were valued at 59*l.* 12*s.* 11*d.* ob. q.

On the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and on *December 27*, in the 3d of *Edward VI.* was granted to Sir *John Clere*.

It was, *April 11*, in 1549, first granted by King *Edward VI.* to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successors; but on *June 19*, 1550, the King reassumed it, and gave it to Sir *John Clere*; but by another grant of the said King, in the said year, it came again

<sup>6</sup> Terra R. qua' Godric. servat.—  
Happesburc tenuit Edric T.R.E. xiii car.  
t're. sep. xxi vill. et xx bord. sep. iii  
ser. et iii car. in d'nio. tnc. ix car. hom.  
p. et mo. vii x ac. p'ti. silva xvi porc.  
et iiiii an. et xviii porc. et cc. oves et xxi  
soc. lxxxvi ac. tnc. v car. p. et mo. iiiii  
et xii libi. hp's de quib; habuit Edric.  
com'datione tantu' iiiii car. t're. et viii  
vill. et ix bor. et dim. et i ser. dim. car.  
ex iatis invasit Edric. ho. Comit'is Alani  
et dedit vade. tnc. x car. p. et mo. viiii  
istos lib'os. ho'es. addidit Rad. Comes  
huic manerio, et in eode' st adconsati,  
mo. et tenebat eos. qu'do forisfecit. tnc.

totu' val. vii lib. et libi. ho'es. xi sol.  
et te'pe Radulfi totu' val. 10 lib. mo.  
xvi blancas et xx sol. de gersuma, et  
ht. i leug. et dim. in long. et similiter in  
lat. quicq; ibi teneat et xxxd. de gersuma.  
hanc t'ram. calu'pniatr. Rob. Malet et  
dicit. qd. patr. suus ea' tenuit q' doivit  
in maresc. et hoc. testatr. hundret. et  
tam. n. tenebat ea die q'a fuit mortuus.

<sup>7</sup> On Earl *Ralph's* rebellion it came to the Crown, and Godric held it as steward to the Conqueror at the survey.

<sup>8</sup> Monast. Angl. vol. i. p. 339.

<sup>9</sup> Reg. Wymond. fol. 46, 79.

to the see with the inappropriate rectory, and advowson of the vicarage, and so remains.

*William de Milliers* and *William Hawteyn*, in the reign of *Henry III.* held a quarter of a fee of *Robert Lord Montalt*, lord of *Rysing*, who married one of the sisters and coheirs of *Hugh de Albiny* Earl of *Arundel*.

In the said reign a fine was levied between *Godfrey de Melliers*, petent, and *Thomas de Whimwell*, tenant, of 30 acres of land; and in the 41st of that King, the said *Godfrey* impleaded *William de Millers*, on account of land.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* the heirs of *William de Milliers*, held here and in *Wymondham*, one fee, and a fourth part of the castle of *Rising*.

*William de Milliers* and his parceners held a quarter of a fee here in the 20th of *Edward III.*

### CRISPIN'S MANOR.

In the 13th of *Edward III.* *Simon de Crispin* granted lands to *Robert de Cockfield*; and in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Robert Crispin* had a lordship in this town. *John Crispin* and his parceners, in the 3d of *Henry IV.* held a quarter of a fee of the honour of *Rysing*.

*John Crispin*, Esq. by his will, dated August 2, 1429, desires to be buried in the cathedral church of *Norwich*. In 1417, this *John* intailed this lordship and that of *Lilleford*, in *Essex*, on his nephew, *John*, son of *Roger Crispin*, his brother, and gave to *Happesburgh* church, by will, 3s. 4d.—and 40s. to the building a new rood-loft there.

The rents of assise of this manor, in the 20th of *Henry VII.* of the free and copyhold tenants, were 3*l.* 11*s.* 9*d.* ob. q. per ann. the whole profits of it in rent, farms of land, &c. amounted to 13*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* ob. paid out of this to *Happesburgh* manor, 16*s.* 8*d.* per ann. and a pound of pepper valued at 12*d.* To *East Ruston* manor, 22*d.* per ann. and to the lord of the hundred 18*d.* and for *Herringby* fee (viz. an acre of land) 1*d.*

In the 4th of *Edward VI.* *Sir Roger Townsend* is said to have conveyed it to *Robert Cook*, by fine.

*James Scambler*, senior, Esq. died seised of it in 1633, and left it to his nephew, *James Scambler*, Esq. as in *Hickling* prior.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, had a small fee here, of which 2 freemen were deprived at the conquest, who held 100 acres of land, 60 of which were the demean lands of *Happesburgh*, when *Earl Ralph* forfeited it, but *Edric* invaded it, and calls on *Ivo de Tailbois* and his parceners to warrant and pledge it; five borderers belonged to it with a carucate, and 60 acres valued at 6*s.* and 40 acres at 4*s.*

This seems to be held of the honour of *Richmond*, by the Lords de *Valoines*, who also held *Hickling*, *Ingham*, by the same tenure, see there. *James Scambler*, Esq. lord, died in 1633, and left it to his nephew.

<sup>1</sup> Terre Alani Comitiss—In Hapesburc  
ii libi. ho'es. c ac. t're. T. R. E. ex h.  
c. acris erant. lx in d'no. Hapesburc  
qu'o R. forisfec. f. Edric. eas lavavit et

revocat warrant Ivone Tailleboise et suos  
socios et ex h. c. dedit vade' et ht. v bord.  
et i car et lx ac. et val. vi sol. et xl ac.  
vnt. iiii sol.

2 carucates in demean, with 2 and a half among the tenants, &c. a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 40d. paunage for 60 swine, 24 acres of meadow, one runcus, and 5 breeding mares, 4 cows, &c. 100 sheep, 2 skeps of bees, and 9 socmen had a carucate of land, &c. and a carucate and a half of meadow.\*

## OVERHALL MANOR, &amp;c.

*Geffrey de Hickling* held it of *Eustace de Vesci* in the 13th of King *John*, by one knight's fee, as *Brian*, father of *Geffrey*, did of *William*, father of *Eustace*, who held it of the Lord *Robert de Valoines*, and he of the honour of *Richmond*.

*Thomas de Hickling* claimed view of frank pledge, &c. in the 14th of *Edward I.* and *Brian de Ikking* and *Elizabeth* his wife, in the 29th of that King; and in the 2d of *Edward II.* *William de Valoines* settled it on his own decease, on Sir *Robert de Uford*, of *Suffolk*, and *Cecilia* his wife. *Thomas de Hickling* and *Dionysia* his wife, held it of *Cecilia* by one fee, and the service of 10s. per ann. to *Richmond* castle, it being valued at 4l. 18s. 8d. per ann.

*Brian* was found their son and heir, aged 3 years; *Dionysia* had dower herein, and paid 10l. for license to remarry.

This part, thus held by *de Hickling*, was the lordship of *Netherhall*; the lordship of *Overhall*, in this parish, being held by *Valoins*, and now by the Earl of *Suffolk*.

In the 19th of *Edward III.* Sir *Edmund de Uford*, le Frere, (that is brother to the Earl,) settled it as a trustee, on *William*, son of *Robert* Earl of *Suffolk*. *William* Earl of *Suffolk* died seized of *Overhall* manor in the 5th of *Richard II.* and it was after held by *Isabel* his wife, on whose death, in the 4th of *Henry V.* it came to the Lord *Scales*, who, with the Lord *Willoughby*, and Lord *Ferrers* of *Groby*, were heirs to *William*, late Earl of *Suffolk*.

*Robert* Lord *Scales* dying in the 7th of *Henry V.* *Thomas*, his brother, succeeded, who was lord in the 35th of *Henry VI.* and held it of the honour of *Richmond*; and *Elizabeth*, his daughter and heir, brought it by marriage to *Anthony Woodville* Lord *Scales*; and on the death of that lady, in the 13th of *Edward IV.* it was held by that lord, and granted with the lordship of *Middleton* in *Norfolk*, &c. (on his being beheaded) to *Thomas* Duke of *Norfolk*, by King *Richard III.*; but on the accession of *Henry VII.* Sir *William Tyndale* (being found to be one of the heirs of *Elizabeth* Lady *Scales*) had, on a division of the estate, this lordship of *Overhall* assigned to him; and Sir *Thomas Tyndale* was lord in the reign of *Henry VIII.* and Queen *Mary*.

After this it was in the *Throgmortons*, and was forfeited to the Crown by *John Throgmorton*, in the reign of King *James*, probably one concerned in the powder plot, or in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign, by plotting against her.

\* Terre Alani Comitiss — Hikelinga ten. Goduin. lib. ho. Edrici de Laxefeld T.R.E. mo. tenet Guðmar iii car. t're. et dim. scarp. ix vill. et xi bord. the. iii ser. ii car. in d' mo. tnc. ii car. et dim. hom. mo. iiii. i eccl'ia xx ac. et val.

xxd. silva ix por. xxiiii ac. p'd. et i r. et v eque silvaticæ et iiii an tnc. xii por. mo. xxiiii tnc. c ovi. mo. ec et ii vasa apu'. et ia soc. i car. t're. tnc. i car. et dim. mo. ii et i ac. et dim. p'ti.

*Thomas Cross*, Esq. paid a rent of 10s. per ann. for this lordship here, to the lord of *Swaffham*, as *Richmond* fee.

In 1630, *Sir Charles le Gross* held it by lease (as I take it) of the Crown, and kept a court and a lete; and in 1638, *John Row* petitioned the King to have a lease of *Overhall* manor for 31 years.

Afterwards it was in the *Calthorps*, lords of *Netherhall*; also in this town, in 1694, *Martin Calthorp*, Esq. on his marriage with *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Wilks* of London, Gent. settled *Overhall* and *Netherhall*, &c. upon her.

This *Martin* spent his estate, and was reduced to great poverty; his lordships here were mortgaged to *Wortley Montague*, Esq. who entered on them, and turned him out, about 1717.

After this it was bought by the *Walpoles*: in 1740, *Robert Lord Walpole*, possessed it, and his son, the Earl of *Orford*, is lord.

### NETHERHALL MANOR.

The family of *de Hickling* abovementioned held this lordship under the Lord *Valoins*: but in the 42d of *Edward III.* *Reginald de Eccles* and *Richard de Waterden* released to *Sir Edward de Berkley* and his heirs, all his right in the 3d part of *Netherhall* manor, and in *Rishanges* manor, in *Suffolk*; and the said *Sir Edward*, in the 45th of that King, granted to *Aubrey de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, &c. his right in two parts of *Netherhall*, which he held in right of *Jane* his late wife, by the courtesy of *England*.

*John de Eccles*, &c. aliened, in the 4th of *Richard II.* the 3d part of this manor to the priory of *Hickling*.

*Nicholas Spark*, alias *Chamberlain*, released to *Ralph Brunkele*, cousin and heir of *Robert Essex* of *Runham*, all his right in the manors, lands, &c. of *Hikeling*, *Stulham*, &c. in the 5th of *Henry IV.*

After this, it was united to *Overhall* manor, and was held by the Earls of *Orford*.

### HICKLING PRIORY.

*Theobald de Valoins*, son of *Rob. Lord Valoins*, was the founder of this priory in 1185, dedicated to *St. Mary*, *St. Austin*, and *All-Saints*, for canons of the order of *St. Austine*, and endowed with the churches of *Hickling*, and the churches of *Parham* and *Huketon*, or *Hasketon*, in *Suffolk*, and lands at *Arlum*. *Theobald* and *Anice* his wife gave also the church of *All-Saints* of *Ditton* in *Cambridgeshire*.

*William Lord Mantchenny* gave all his land at *Kewingland* in *Suffolk*, with 4 acres of common of pasture there; *Mr. Robert de Waxtonesham*, or *Waxham*, a moiety of the advowson of that church, and *Henry de Fleg* the advowson of the other moiety, which was confirmed by King *John* in his fifth year, when he granted them a charter for a weekly mercate on *Friday*, in this town.

King *Henry III.* in his eleventh year, gave license to hold a fair for three days, on the vigil day, and the morrow of the feast of *All-Saints*.

In the 2d of *Edward II.* *Nicholas de Beria* aliened 34 acres and 15a

rent; and in the 7th of the said King, the prior had license to purchase 2 acres of meadow of *William*, parson of *Eccles*, and in the 25th of *Edward III* to purchase tenements in *Horsey* and *Palling*, and to appropriate the church of *Palling*, as they had in the 29th of that King for the church of *Shipden*.

*John de Eccles*, in the 4th of *Richard II.* and *Geffrey de Somerset*, convey the 3d part of *Netherhall* manor, which *Sir William Latimer* of *Danby*, *Sir Richard Sturry*, *Sir Lewis Clifford*, *Hugh Fastolf*, &c. held for the life of *Sir Edward de Berkley*, to find a lamp perpetually burning in the priory church.

In the said year, *William de Kirdeston* aliened a third part of *Netherhall* manor to the prioress of *Redingfeld* in *Suffolk*, who, in the 8th of that King, conveyed it with the lordship of *Boyland-Hall* in *North Walsham*, to this priory.

The prior, in the 3d of *Henry IV.* held here, in *Catfield*, and *Heigham-Potter*, 3 parts of a fee of the manor of *Sutton*, and this lordship, of *Isabel* Countess of *Suffolk*, of her manor of *Overhall*, of the honour of *Richmond*.

The temporalities here, in 1428, were 9s. 4d.

*William Clifford*, Esq. by deed, reciting that *Sir Lewis Clifford*, his uncle, whose heir he is, granted to *John Styward*, &c. all his part of the manor of *Netherhall*, late *Sir Edward de Berkeleys*, and whereas the prior of *Hickling* gave to the said *Lewis* and his heirs, an annuity of 20l. *per ann.* to be paid out of their manors of *Hickling* and *Palling*.

*William* hereby assigns the said annuity to *Henry Barton*, citizen of *London*, and his heirs, in the 7th of *Henry V.* and in the 7th of *Henry VI.* *Barton* assigned it to *Sir John Fastolf*.

*Adam de Scakilthorp*, rector of *Causton*, gave to this priory, organs, in 1370, and 20s. rent.

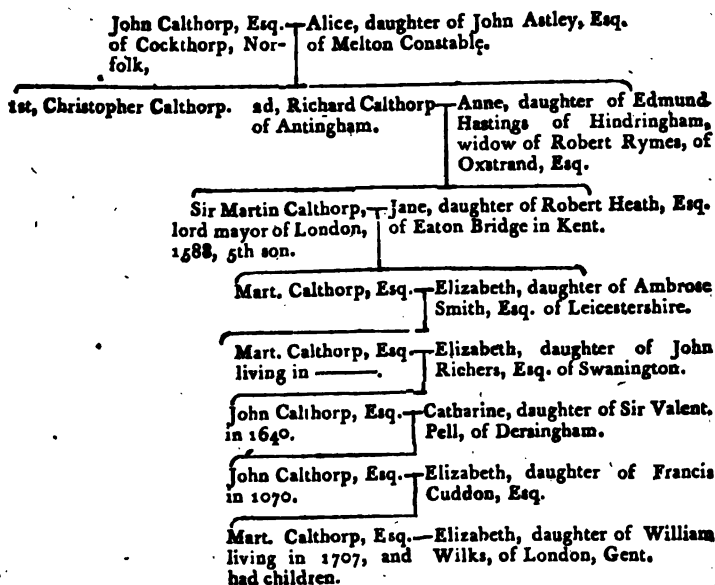
At the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and was granted (as I take it) to *Sir William Wodehouse* of *Hickling*, who was lord of it in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* and 2d of *Edward VI.*

By an inquisition taken at *East Derham*, April 18, in the 8th of *Elizabeth*, he was found to die seized of it, Nov. 15, in the 7th of that Queen, with the site and lands of the priory, and appropriated rectory, the manors of *Palling*, *Boyland's* in *North Walsham*, *Wyld's* and *Lynford's* manors in *Stalham*, *Houchin's* in *Edingthorp*, *Shipdam* and the park.

By *Elizabeth* his wife, widow of *Sir Henry Parker*, Knt. he left *Henry* his son and heir, *Thomas*, his 2d son, and *William*, his 3d son; and it was sold to *Sir Martin Calthorp* of *London*, in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, by *Sir Thomas Wodehouse*: *Martin Calthorp*, Esq. son and heir of *Sir Martin*, obtained in the first of King *James's* reign, an act of parliament (the estate being entailed) to sell lands to provide for a numerous family, and sold by license, January 12, ao. 2 of that King, the site of the priory, and lands, to *James Scambler*, senior, Esq. who died possessed of it in 1633, and left it to his nephew, *James*, son of his brother, *Thomas Scambler*, Esq. of *Briston*, and a great suit in chancery ensued on this sale, between *Scambler* the nephew, and *John Calthorp*, Esq.

In this family it remained till about the year 1717, when *Wortley Montague*, Esq. entered on it, and is now in the Earl of *Orford*.

## CALTHORP'S PEDIGREE.



## PRIORS of Hickling.

*Ralph* occurs prior in the 5th year of King *John*.

*Roger*, in the 4th of *Henry III*.

*Alan*, in the 41st of *Henry III*.

And *John*, in 1308.

In 1319, *Richard de Hemesby*, admitted prior.

1349, *John Gry*s.

1358, *Richard de Hemesby*.

1366, *William de Wrotham*.

1390, *John de Tudyngston*.

1398, *Thomas Haneworth*.

1401, *John Jenny*, occurs prior.

1408, *John de Hykelyng*.

1424, *Richard Norwiche*.

*Roger Okkam* occurs in the 11th of *Henry VI*.

1481, *Thomas Thorp*.

1485, *Thomas Gregg*.

*Robert Botyld*, alias *Wymondham*, occurs prior in 1503, and was the last prior, and with 3 of the canons, subscribed to the King's supremacy, June 4, 1534.

On the Dissolution, the visitors are said to have found these following guilty of incontinency;—*Robert Walsham*, *Richard Leke*, *Robert Bastwicke*, *Robert Allen*, *John Michael*, and *Matthew Wood*.

This prior, *Bottyld*, served the office of cellarer, from *St. Michael*, in the 3d of *Henry VIII*. to *St. Michael*, in the 4th of that King, and



the 10th year of his being prior, and his account containing some things curious to the state of this priory, I shall here insert them.

In stock bought for the priory, 19*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.*—In stock for the dairies of *Netherhall*, and *Palling granges*, 17*s.* 3*d.*—In threshing corn at the priory, 36*s.* 2*d.*—Ditto at *Netherhall*, 69*s.* 6*d.* and at *Palling*, 3*s.* 8*d.*—In buying necessities for husbandry, 4*l.* 7*s.* 10*d.*—In necessities for the priory, 7*l.* 13*s.* 7*d.* ob.—Servants wages at *Christmas*, 70*s.* 8*d.*—At the *Annunciation*, 76*s.* 8*d.*—At *Midsummer*, 72*s.* 8*d.*—At *St. Michaelmas*, 69*s.*—In cloth and linen, livery for the officers and servants, 8*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.*—Repairs of the chancels of *Hickling*, *Palling*, *Horsey*, and *Hanworth* in *Norfolk*,—*Parham* and *Hacketon* in *Suffolk*, 3*s.* 8*d.*—Repairs of the houses of *Netherhall*, *Palling grange*, and *Horsey*, 12*s.* 3*d.*—To fresh victuals bought for the priory, 11*l.* 10*s.* 2*d.*—Subsidies, tenths and fifteenths, paid to *John*, prior of *Castleacre*, for the first moiety of a subsidy, 60*s.* and for a 2*d.*, 60*s.* for *Norfolk*.—To the abbot of *Bury* for a subsidy, 26*s.* 2*d.* and 30*s.*—For a fifteenth in *Hickling*, 10*s.*—*Horsey*, 2*s.*—*Palling*, 6*s.*—*Warham*, 2*s.*—To fees paid to *Sir John Heydon* and *William Paston*, capital steward and counsellors of the priory, 20*s.*—To *Thomas Fenn*, steward and auditor.—To *Prior Botyld* at *Norwich*, (*jocundant.*) in a party of pleasure, expenses, 2*s.*—To the prior at *North Walsham*, abutting the lands of *Boylard* manor, expenses, 2 days, 13*s.* 4*d.*—Pensions of the canons at *Christmas*, and *St. John Baptist*, &c. to *Edmund Norwich*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Edmund Sparham*, 19*s.* 4*d.*—*John Hykling*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Ralph Salle*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Jeffrey Bayham*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Robert Alcyn* alias *Walsham*, 13*s.* 4*d.*—*Richard Holte*, 13*s.* 4*d.*

Moneys paid to the King's and the Earl of *Oxford's* bere-ward, and to the King's players.—*Barber's* fee for the whole year, 6*s.* 8*d.*—To the collector of the Pope's chamber, 7*s.*—To the priory of monks at *Thetford*, for *Hanworth* pension, 43*s.*—For the prior's part of *Hickling lete*, 6*d.*—To *Overhall* manor, 10*s.* per ann.—To *Ingham* priory, 3*s.*—To *Hanworth* manor for a pair of gilt spurs, and to *Fornet*, manor, 1*d.*

6*l.* per ann. was paid fee farm-rent for this priory, and 8*s.* 4*d.* per ann. respite of homage with acquittance, &c.

It was valued at 137*l.* 1*d.* ob. *q.* as *Spaxel*; and at 160*l.* 38*s.* 7*d.* ob. as *Dugdale*.

The whole of their temporalities valued in 1406, at 15*l.* 12*s.* 9*d.* and spiritualities at 31*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*

Here were a prior and 9 or 10 canons. It was settled by act of parliament, *ao.* 27th *Henry VIII.* on the Bishop of *Norwich*, in part, as an exchange for old lands of that see.

The tenths were 8*l.* 18*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 10*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and was a rectory, valued at 30 marks, and appropriated to the priory, and a vicarage was founded, in the reign of *Edward I.* the vicar is said to have convenient edifices, and valued at 1*l.* 10*s.* and on every institution 10*s.* was paid to the Bishop for first fruits. Peter-pence were 10*d.*

## VICARS.

In 1340, *Thomas de Baconthorp*, a canon, was instituted, presented by the prior and convent.

1350, *John de Hempstede*.

1354, *Roger de Tofters*.

1373, *William de Salthouse*.

1393, *Adam Shene*.

1403, *Bartholomew de Beyghton*.

1434, *John Horning*.

1459, *Richard Walsingham*.

1481, *Thomas Norwich* alias *Griggs*.

1485, *John Norwich*.

*Robert Clubb* occurs vicar in 1503.

1531, *Thomas Carter*.

1543, *Robert Bottild*; the Bishop consolidated the vicarage to the priorship, during his life, on condition he took care to serve it by a canon.

*James Mason*, vicar in 1555.

1587, *John Ratchlyff*, presented by the Queen.

1595, *Thomas Wynington*.

1595, *John Goggs*, by *Edward Boys* of *Nonyngton in Kent*, and the *Lady Ann Calthorp*, his wife.

1561, *John Booth*, by *Mart. Calthorp*, Esq.

*Bertram Doyly*, vicar.

1625, *John Hembling*.

1650, *Mart. Castleton*, by *John Calthorp*, Esq.

*Samuel Bing*, vicar.

1681, *Nathaniel Hindle*, by *John Calthorp*.

1706, *Samuel Bond*.

1716, *Richard Dodge*, by *Sir James Montague*, baron of the *Exchequer*.

1728, *John Gardiner*, resigned in,

1780, and *Thomas Deresby*, presented by *Robert Lord Walpole*.

1732, *Mr. John Worts*. Ditto.

In the church was the guild of *St. Ann*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Nicholas's* lights, and the chapel of *St. Mary* in the churchyard.

At the east end of the chancel wall, a monument of black and white marble,

*In memory of John Calthorp, Esq; of this parish, who married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Francis Cuddon of Shadingfield in Suffolk, gent. by whom he had one son, Martin, and 3 daughters, Catharine, Elizabeth, and Margaret; he departed, &c. August 2, 1688, in his 36 year.*

A monument *In memory of Sir William Woodhouse*, without any inscription over his tomb; his achievement quarterly, in first and 4th azure, a leopard's face, or; in the 2d and 3d ermin, his gilt sword, &c.

The present valor of the vicarage is 5*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.*

The tenths of the town were 8*l.* 18*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* The temporalities of *Campsey priory*, 20*s.*

In the 18th of *Edward IV.* *Magdalen* college in *Oxford* had a patent for lands called *Essex's*, the liberty of a swan-mark, granted by *William Barforth*, and *Andrew Riches*, in *Hickling*, to *Thomas Woodhouse of Waxham*, in the 2d of *Edward VI.*

In the 14th of *Elizabeth*, *John Allen* held 3 messuages, and lands here, in *Catfield* and *Ingham*, of the Queen, of the honour of *Richmond*.

The manor of *Sutton* extended into this town, and was held of the *Calthorps*, in the reign of King *Edward II.* who had part of it, and came to Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and so to the prior of *Ingham* in the reign of *Richard II.*

## HEMPSTEDE.

**G**ODWIN Earl of *Kent*, father of King *Harold*, was lord of this town, before the conquest, when the Conqueror took possession of it, and at the survey *Godric* was steward, or took care of it for him: it contained 2 carucates and an half of land with 10 borderers, one carucate in demean, one among the tenants, and 15 acres of meadow, 2 cows, 13 swine, and 160 sheep; and 36 socmen held 108 acres, and there were 6 carucates; 16 freemen also had 2 carucates of land, with 3 borderers, and 6 carucates and 14 acres of meadow, then valued at 50s. and which the freemen had at 40s. but at the survey paid 8l. quitrent, and 20s. as an income in tale; was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 18d. gelt whoever held it.<sup>3</sup>

The family of *de Colekirk* or *Colechurch*, was, soon after the grand survey, enfeofed of this royal manor.

*Richard de Colekirk*, with *William* and *Richard* his sons, were witnesses to a charter of *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of *Henry I.*

In the Red Book of the Exchequer, *ao. 12 Henry II.* we meet with this account; "I, *William de Colecherch*, owe to my lord, *Henry* the King, the service of half a knight's fee in *Norfolk*, of the ancient tenure from the conquest, for I will not that my service should be concealed, but that I would do that which I ought, and I did homage to thee, my Lord, and to my Lord *Henry* your son, and did my service to your sherif."

The tenure was this lordship of *Hempstede*; and in the 30th of the said King, *Richard* his son held the same half fee; *Jeffrey Peche* married his widow, her custody, with that of *Sara* his daughter, or

<sup>3</sup> Terra Regis qua' Godric servat.—  
Hempstoda tenuit Goduin. ii car. t're.  
et dim. sep. x bor. tnc. i car. in d'nio.  
p. et mo. ii semp. i car. hom. et xv ac.  
p'ti. et ii an. et xiii porc. et clx ov. et  
xxxvi soc. cviii ac. semp. vi car, et xvi

libi. ho'es ii car. t're. ii car. t're. sep.  
iii bor. et vi car. et xiiii ac. p'ti. tnc.  
val. i sol. et libi. ho'es. xl sol. p. et mo.  
viii lib. blancas et xx sol. de gersuma  
ad numeru' et ht. i leu. in long. et al.  
in lat. et xviii de gelt.

niece, and his heir, being granted by the King to *Hugh de Cressey*, who married her to *Roger de S'co Dionisio* (St. Dennis), and in her right was lord, and living in the 4th of *Henry III.*<sup>6</sup> Sir *Richard de St. Dennis* was their son, and gave 50s. relief in the 22d of that King.

*Hugh de St. Dennis* had also an interest here, probably brother of *Richard*, who granted considerable lands to find a lamp burning always in the church of St. *Andrew of Hempstede*, before the image of St. *Margaret*, for the health of his own soul, and that of his father and mother.

Sir *Richard de St. Dennis* left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Isabel*, who married *John Mansell*, and *Joan*, who married *Roger le Cook*, or *Ken*, and between these this lordship was divided, and they were living in the 3d of *Edward II.*

On the 24th of *August*, in the 5th of *Edward III.* *Alexander de Walcote* paid 15 marks to the King, on his purchasing of *Roger le Ken* and *Joan* his wife their moiety, and having license for it.

In the said year *John Mansell* died seized of a moiety, and *Henry* was his son and heir in the 5th of *Edward II.*

By an inquisition, taken in the 14th of *Edward I.* *February 3*, *Henry Mansel* was found to die seized of a moiety, and *John* was his son and heir by *Beatrix* his wife, (who survived him) daughter of *Thomas de Roudham*; and Sir *Walter Walcot* held a moiety in the 29th of that King, and presented to the church in 1355.

*John Mansel* died seized of a moiety *August 6*, in the 31th of the said King, and *Walter* his brother inherited it, on whose death, *Alice* his sister was found to be his heir, the wife of *John Billing*, alias *de Beckham*.

About this time a messuage was found to belong to it; 30 acres of it valued at 7s. 6d.; 3 of pasture at 12d.; a windmill, at 3s. 4d.; rent of assise, 8s.; 18 days work in autumn, at a penny a day; 100 days in winter, each day a halfpenny; 6 hens at *Christmas*, each valued at 1d.; and 120 eggs at *Easter*, 4d. also 30 acres in demean, held of *Reginald de Eccles* and the prior of *Okeburn*, valued at 5s. per ann.

*Alice* had, by *John de Beckham*, 2 daughters and coheirs, *Beatrix* and *Rose*; *Rose* married *Robert Robell* of *Great Yarmouth*, and enjoyed the moiety, late *Mansell's*, and paid relief for it in the 41st of *Edward III.*

*Beatrix* married *Augustine Colevile*, and they, in the 43d of the said King, conveyed lands in this town, by fine, to *Robert Robell*.

In 1383, *John de Eccles* of *Billockby* had a lordship here, and gives it, by will, to be sold, and appoints *Robert Martham* his executor.<sup>7</sup>

In 1398, *Margaret*, relict of *Roger Gyney*, by her testament, dated *February 24*, 1395, gives to her younger son, *James Gyney*, the manor of *Hempstede*, and lands in *Eccles*, with all her stock, on her death; and in the 3d of *Henry IV.* *James Gyney*, Esq. and *Robert Robell*, lords of *Hempstede*, were living; and in the following year, on an inquisition taken on *Tuesday* before the feast of St. *Margaret* the *Vigin*, at *Norwich*, *John Strange* escheater, *Robert Robell* was found to hold, at his death, *February 24* past, a fourth part of this lordship, and *Thomas* was his son and heir.

<sup>6</sup> Rot. de D'nab; &c. 30 Hen. II.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Harsyke, fol. 23.—Ditto, fol. 256.

*Beatrice*, sister of this *Rose*, sold to this *Thomas*, her nephew, all her right in the said lordship, so that he enjoyed all *Mamell's* part.

*John Garney*, Esq. had an interest herein in the 9th of that King; and in the 6th of *Henry V.* *John Crozier* had the 4th part of it.

*James Gyncey* abovementioned, married *Ela*, probably daughter or sister of *Thomas Robell*. In the first year of *Henry V.* on *St. Valentine's* day, *Robert Wright* of *Smalburgh*, *John Elwyn* of *Eccles*, &c. convey to him a moiety of this manor, and a fourth part of the same, with the advowson of the church, and the lands and tenements, late *Reginald de Eccles*, so that he had 3 parts of the manor.

*Ela* seems to have brought with her one moiety, late *Robelles*: she was in the year 1420, remarried to *John Ingram*; and in the 22d. of *Henry VI.* she was the wife of *William Pickering*, when they, with *Robert Martham*, enfeoffed *John Titheshale*, &c. of three parts of this manor, late *James Gyncey's*, by deed, dated May 20.

*James*, dying s. p. made *Ela* his wife, and *John Reyner*, his executors, and to sell the same.

Soon after this, on the death of the said *Ela*, it was conveyed by her trustees, *Robert Martham*, &c. to Sir *Miles Stapleton* of *Ingham*,<sup>1</sup> who settled it on *Elizabeth*, his eldest daughter and coheir, on her marriage with Sir *William Calthorp*, who was lord of 3 parts in the 6th of *Henry VII.* and Sir *Francis Calthorp* was his son by the said *Elizabeth*, and he died seized of it in the 35th of *Henry VIII.* and *William*, his son, inherited it, who sold it about 1572 to Sir *Robert Woods* of *Norwich*, father of *Robert Wood*, Esq. by *Anne*, his wife, daughter of *Augustine Steward*, Esq. who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *John Woolmer* of *Thurston*, whose son, *Robert*, by *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Richardson*, left *Thomas Wood*, Esq. father of *Thomas Wood*, Esq. by *Anne* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Peyton*, Esq. which *Thomas*, by *Ellen*, daughter of *Thomas Eyre*, Esq. had *Thomas* his son, lord and patron of this town and church, and of *Braconash*, in 1746.

The remaining fourth part was in the hands of *Thomas Stodhagh*, in the 18th of *Henry VI.* in which year, *Thomas Stodhagh*, and *Catherine*, his wife, *John Stodhagh* and *Catharine* his wife, convey it to *John Haydon*, &c. with 2 messuages, 200 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 60 of heath, trustees, whereby it was settled on *Thomas* and *Catharine* for life; remainder to *John* and *Catharine* his wife; and *John Stodhagh* of *Hempstede*, Esq. in 1485, wills to be buried in this church by his father; gives to *Roger* his brother 10 marks, and the same sum to *Richard* his brother, with a legacy to the rector of this church, to pray for him and *Alice* his wife, and for *John Stodagh* and *Catharine* his wife, (his father and mother,) for one year every Lord's day,<sup>2</sup> to *William* his son and heir he gives the manor of *Baden Parva* and *Hatfield* in *Essex*, and to *Laurence* his son his manor of *Hempstede*; proved April 21, 1486.

In the 11th of *Henry VIII.* *John Palmer*, Gent. enfeoffed *Margaret Coot*, *William Paston*, Esq. *John Brampton*, Esq. and *Christopher Coot*, Gent. on May 20, with 2 messuages, 100 acres of meadow, 10 of wood, and 20s. rent, &c. and in the 26th of that King, *Christopher Coot* and *Elizabeth* his wife convey it to *William Lyster*. After this

<sup>1</sup> Sir Miles purchased 3 parts of this manor of *Robert Inglose*, Esq. late *James Jenneye's*.  
<sup>2</sup> Reg. Woolman Norw. fol. 2.

it was in *John Bishop* of *Worsted*, Gent. and *William Bishop* sold it to *Michael Baker* of *Bacton*; *Baker* to *Repps* of *Hempstead*, and *Repps* to *Gyles Godrey*; and *John Corbet*, Esq. was lord of *Stody's* manor, alias *Bishop's*, in the 15th of *James I.*

The tithes were 4*l.* 4*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 3*s.*

The temporalities of *Okchurn* priory in this town were valued at 3*l.* 6*s.* ob. *q.* of *Bromholm*, 1*l.* in 1428.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *St. Andrew*, and was valued in the reign of *Edward I.* at 14 marks, then in the patronage of *John Maunsel*, lord of the manor. The rector had no house, but a grange and 17 acres. *Peter-pence*, 18*d.*

# RECTORS.

*John de Smitterton* occurs rector about 1290.

*John Payne*, rector.

1320, *John de Banham* instituted, presented by *Mr. Roger de Thorp*.

1347, *John de Denby*, by the King.

1355, *Thomas de Wilby*, by *Sir Walter de Walcot*.

*Roger de Kene* and *Joan* his wife, sold their right to *Alexander de Walcot*, father (as I take it) of *Sir Walter*.

1361, *Hugh Smith*, by *John Maunsel* of *Hemsted*.

1383, *Roger Kybyle*, by *Sir Roger Bays*, *John Eccles*, &c.

1401, *Robert Smith*, by *James Gyney*, and *Henry Leringham*.

1433, *William Walton*, by *John Ingram* and *Ela* his wife.

1456, *John Moyskal*, by *Miles Stapleton*.

1458, *William Hukell*, by *Sir Miles Stapleton*.

1479, *Robert Sylvester*, by *Sir William Calthorp*.

1485, *Christopher Gurnay*, by *Sir William Calthorp*.

1519, *Robert Wood*, by *Frances Calthorp*.

1541, *Gregory Madys*, by *Thomas Woodhouse*, Esq. on a grant of *Sir Francis Calthorp*.

1554, *Thomas Tysing*, by the King and Queen.

1557, *Robert Allen*, by the King and Queen.

1560, *Christopher Green*, by Queen *Elizabeth*, on the minority of *William Calthorp*, Esq.

1582, *John Skinner*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, a lapse: he returned 142 communicants in 1605.

1611, *Thomas Haslop*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*, when *Robert Wood*, Esq. brought a *Quare Impedit* against the Bishop, the advowson being annexed to the manor.

*Thomas Wood*, Esq. was patron in 1740.

The present valor is 9*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged. In the chancel were the arms of *Calthorp*, *Bacon*, *Stapleton*, and *Wythe*; in the church those of *Erpingham*, *Walton*, and *Stodagh*, gules, on a chevron, argent, three blackbirds, proper, beaked, or, in a bordure indented, sable; and against the south wall, near the chancel, the effigies of a man and his wife, kneeling and painted;

*Soloit devotus Thomas Stodagh bene notus*  
*Qui fuerat digna - - - Katina benigna*  
*Quos pectus gratis meritis commendo beatis.*

## HIGHAM-POTTER.

THIS village is not mentioned in the book of *Domesday* being included and accounted for under the abbot of *Holm's* lordship of *Waxham*, or *Ludham*, and was given by King *Canute* to that abbey, on his foundation thereof, and was part of the abbot's barony of *Tunsted*.

In the time of *Walter de Suffield* Bishop of *Norwich*, the rent of assise was - -, and there were 75 acres of arable land at 8*d.* per acre, 57*s.* 6*d.* 10 acres of meadow at 6*d.* per acre, 5*s.* in demean; and in the 4th of *Edward I.* the abbot had wreck at sea, and other great privileges granted by *Edward the Confessor*.

In the 34th of *Edward I.* there was an agreement between Sir *Hugh de Vere* and his Lady, *Dionysia*, whose lordship of *Sutton* extended into this town, that there should be a pound made, 2 parts of it at the charge of the abbot, and one part of it at the charge of Sir *Hugh*, the drift of the commons to be by their 2 bailiffs, 2 parts of the profits to be to the abbot, and one to Sir *Hugh*; that the men of both these lords should intercommon, except in *Sleight common*, which should be wholly to Sir *Hugh's* men, and that of *West Fen*, to the abbot's men; the fishery of *Kindlos* to remain to the abbot, paying 12*s.* per ann. with liberty to Sir *Hugh* to distrain for the rent in the abbot's manor of *Ludham*.

*John Thorp*, &c. in the 19th of *Richard II.* aliened to the abbey 10 acres of land here; and the temporalities of the abbot, in 1428, were valued at 7*l.* 1*d.*

On the Dissolution it came to the Crown, and on the exchange of lands between King *Henry III.* and the Bishop of *Norwich*, was granted to that see.

In Bishop *Hopton's* time the rent of assise was 7*l.* 15*s.* and the manor is in the see of *Norwich* at this time.

The tenths 5*l.* 15*s.* Deducted 1*l.* 15*s.*

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the prior of *Ingham* had lands here, held of the manor of *Sutton*.

THE CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and was a rectory. In the reign of King *John* the abbot presented *Peter Bardolf* to be vicar, who was to have all the altarage, tithe of hemp and flax, wool, cheese and hay, all the free land of the church, and a sheaf of the tenths of the demean of the abbot.<sup>2</sup>

In the reign of *Edward I.* it was a rectory, and the rector had a manse with the vicarage, valued at 30 marks; and the vicar had then all the land belonging to the church. The abbot was patron, had a portion of tithe valued at 4*s.*

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Holm. fol. 175.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Holm. 59. 1.

## RECTORS.

*Jeffrey de Hecham*, rector.

*Richard Redmild* occurs rector about 1260, and

*Hugh*, rector, about 1270.

1313, *John de Hoveton*, instituted rector, presented by the abbot.

*Alexander de Remes*, rector.

1345, *Mr. Thomas de Honyng*.

In 1351, the rectory, which had been formerly appropriated to the abbey, by Pope *Lucius*, and many secular clergy had after possessed it as rectors, was this year appropriated, by *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, to that abbey, for the support of two students (monks of this abbey) in divinity, or canon law, at *Cambridge*, saving to the Bishop the nomination of a vicar, with an annual pension of 30s.<sup>2</sup>

1351, *John Colyn*, collated vicar, by the Bishop, the abbot refusing to present on the Bishop's nomination; and in 1354, it was ordained, *November 29*, that the abbot, &c. should pay yearly to the vicar 100s. and he was to have all the altarage: the rectory was taxed at 20 marks, and the vicarage at 10 marks.

1359, *Simon Bere*, nominated by the Bishop, presented by the abbot, &c.

1359, *William de Leverton*.

1361, *William de Swanlond*.

1396, *Roger Segrave*.

1398, *John Tome*.

1446, *John Bertram*.

1474, *John Smith*.

1479, *John Brother*.

1503, *Mr. John Swanton, M.A.*

1506, *William Childerhouse*.

1527, *Thomas Franceys*.

*John Saunders*, vicar.

1562, *John Cook*, by the Bishop.

1572, *George Magnus*.

*Francis Powsey* occurs vicar in 1603

1626, *Robert Mihil*.

1664, *George Thompson*.

1681, *Clement Atwood*.

1699, *Nathaniel Hindale*.

*Charles Trimnell*, resigned in 1718, and *Edmund Cale*, collated by the Bishop.

1736, *Richard Tapps*. Ditto.

1737, *Dudley Butts*. Ditto.

The present valor of the vicarage is *6l. 13s. 4d.*; the Bishop of *Norwich* is patron, and has the impropriated rectory; the vicarage is discharged from tenths, &c.

On the south side of the chancel is a mural monument of white marble,

*In memory of Robert Mihil, clerk, vicar, who built the vicarage*

<sup>2</sup> Lib. Instit. Norw. 4.



house, and suffered much in the Oliverian times, for his loyalty, for his piety, charity, and sufferings, was beloved in his countrey, and died 22d of February, 1663.

On a gravestone, in the chancel,

*Hic jacet Will. Childerhouse, clericus, hujus ecclesie vicarius, ob. 4, Feb. 1524.—Richard Baspole, gent. June 19, 1615.*

Here were the guilds of St. Nicholas and St. John.

The lights of St. Nicholas, of the high rood, St. Thomas, Lady of Pity, Lady of Grace, St. Catherine, and St. Anthony.

## H O R S E Y.

**F**OUR freemen held in the Confessor's time, the principal tenure, or manor here, under the commendation or protection alone, of *Edric de Laxafeld*; the King and the Earl had the soc, 50 acres, with a carucate, and 6 acres of meadow belonging to it, and what they possessed was then valued at 40s. at the survey; when they were deprived, and *Roger Bigot*, ancestor of the Earls of *Norfolk*, was lord, at 68s. 8d.; the whole, with its beruils, was valued in King *Edward's* time at 90s. at the survey at 6*l.* 11s. 4d. and together with what the freemen had enjoyed at 10*l.* and was one of the lordships that *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* had, and was deprived of, on his rebellion against the Conqueror, and was taxed at 10*l.* *per ann.* when the Conqueror granted it to *Roger Bigot*, (as he says,) when his brother came from *Apulia*, with *Geff. Ridel*.

*Roger Bigot* had also 12 acres belonging to a freeman in King *Edward's* reign, by whom, and others in *Statham*, *Brunsted*, &c. one carucate and 4 acres of meadow were held; of these *Ailwin*, his predecessor, had not even the commendation in King *Edward's* time, yet he claims them as belonging to his fee, by a grant of the Conqueror, because he had the commendation of them in the Conqueror's time: this was valued at 4s. and the King and the Earl had the soc.

The King had 4 freemen who held of him 20 acres, and half a carucate, valued at 2s. which also came to *Roger*. *Ralf* had 31 acres and an half, and 3 borderers, with half a carucate, and 4 acres and an half of meadow.\*

\* Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In Horseia iiii libi. ho'es com'datione tantu. rex et comes soca' et ht. l. acr. et i car. et vi ac pti o'nes isti lib. ho'es val. tc. xl sol. mo. lxxviii sol. et viiid. et totu' maneriu' cu' beruillis tnc. val. lxxxx sol. mo. vi lib. et xi sol. et iiid. mo. totu' simul c. libis ho'ib. val. x lib. hoc fuit de maneris Comitris Radulfi, et erat ad censatu' x lib. et mo. dedit eu' Rex Rog. Bigot ut ipse dicit quando fr. suus venit de Apulia

cu' Goisfrede Ridel.—In Horseia lib. ho. xii ac. ex his non habuit Ailwin suus antecess. etiam com'dat. T. R. E. et tamen eos revocat ad suu' feudu' ex don. Regis quia ille Ailwin. habuit com'dat. ex eis T. R. W. sep. i car. et iiii ac. pti. et val. iiii sol. Rex et comes soca.—Lib. ho'es Regis.—In Horseia iiii xx ac. et dim. car. et val. ii sol.—In Horseia Rad. xxi ac. et dim. sep. iii bor. et dim. car. et iiii ac. et dim. pti.

*Thomas de Thirne* had an interest herein, and gave to *Joseph*, son of *Bond de Horsey*, and *Hellen* his niece, all the land that *Bond* held in this town, and what he held of his father, his mother, and his brother, paying yearly 4s. 3d.—witness, *Sir Jeff. de Hickling* and *Brian* his son, *Sir Warin de Rotvesby*. *Sir Warin de Waxtonesham*, *William de Colekyrke*, &c. by deed *sans date*: *Thomas* also grants to *Reginald de Gelham*, his nephew, son of *Walter de Gelham*, all the land of the fee of *Joseph de Horsey*, which *Bond* held of him and his ancestors, paying 3d. *per ann.*

In the 10th of *Edward I.* *Sir Oliver de Ingham* held of *Thomas de Horsey*, by the service of a rose, a messuage, and 40 acres of land, 10 of meadow, and *Elizabeth*, his widow, held it in dower, in the 15th of that King, as *Mary*, widow of *Sir John de Ingham*, did in the 9th of *Edward II.* from the *Inghams* it came, by marriage, to the *Stapletons*, and from them to the *Calthorps*, as in *Ingham*.

After this it was in the *Pastons*, and *Sir William Paston* died lord, in the first of *Philip* and *Mary*; in this family it continued many years, the Earl of *Yarmouth* being lord in 1740; after this it was sold to the Lord *Anson*, who died lord and patron, and his heirs possess it.

The tenths were 2l. 8s. 4d.—The temporalities of *Hickling* priory 9s. 6d.—of *Weybridge* 4s. 5d. q.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was a rectory. *Peter Bardulph* was rector in the 13th year of King *John*, and had been presented to it by *Godwin de Horsey*: his son and heir, *Adam*, gave it to the priory of *Hickling*, and was appropriated thereto, and a vicarage was settled, in the reign of *Edward I.* The rectory was valued at 2 marks, the vicar had no manse, and the sacrist of that priory was said to occupy the manse which formerly belonged to the vicar. *Peter-pence* 8d. ob.

### VICARS.

In 1315, *John de Limpenhawe* instituted vicar, presented by the prior.

1349, *Alexander Derver*.

1361, *Adam de Limpenhawe*.

1393, *Adam Sheve*.

1401, *John Water*.

1406, *Richard de Auburn*.

1427, *John Smith*.

1452, *Richard Franceys*.

*John Bullock*, vicar.

1458, *Thomas Fakenham*.

1482, *Robert North Repps*, alias *Webster*.

1521, *Edmund Whitsted*; after this it was held several years by sequestration.

On the dissolution, this rectory improper, and the patronage of the vicarage was granted by King *Henry VIII.* to *Sir William Woodhouse*, and *Sir Henry Woodhouse* sold it to *Sir William Paston*.

In 1603, *Richard Allen*, the curate, certified that there were 58 communicants, and that for serving the cure he had some small tithes worth 40s. *per ann.* and that *Sir William Paston* had the rectory.

1609, *Thomas Sadlington*, vicar, presented by Sir *William Patson*.

1612, *William Comfort*, by *Thomas Knevet*.

1615, *Richard Skipp*.

1636, *William Woodroff*, by *William Paston*, Esq.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, *St. Mary*, *St. Ann*, and *St. John Baptist*.

In 1740, the Earl of *Yarmouth* was patron, but the church has been several years in ruins: the present valor is *Sl. 1s. 4d.* and is discharged.

*William Bishop* of *Thetford* held at the survey, in his own right, as a lay fee, a lordship of which a freeman, under the commendation of *Almar Bishop* of *Elmham*, was deprived, consisting of 25 acres, 3 borderers, with half a carucate and 10 acres of meadow, valued at 11s.; the King and the Earl had the soc; and there were also 2 freemen under the commendation of Bishop *Almar*, who had 16 acres of land, and 5 of pasture, valued at 30d. of which they were deprived, and *William de Noers* held this under Bishop *William* aforesaid.<sup>5</sup>

Bishop *Rugg*, in *Henry* the Eighth's time, is said to have alienated revenues belonging to the see in this town, and *Palling*, with their appropriated rectories, &c. for *Ingham Grange*, rectory, &c. to *Thomas Woodhouse*, as I take it: see in *Palling*.

## I N G H A M.

In this town, which takes its name as seated in the meadow, 4 freemen held in King *Edward's* time 12 acres and half a carucate, and of these the King and the Earl had the soc, and was then valued at 40s. but at the survey, when *Alan* Earl of *Richmond* was lord of this and many other tenures here, by the grant of the Conqueror, it was valued at 9l. per ann.

*Edric*, also, the man of *Edric de Laxfeld*, held in the days of King *Edward*, 3 carucates of land, 9 villans, 14 borderers, 4 servi, and there were 2 carucates in demean, with 2 carucates and a half of the tenants, and 24 acres of meadow, 2 runci, 6 cows, &c. and 350 sheep, with 44 goats, and 7 socmen had 35 acres, and a carucate and a half of meadow. *Edric*, also, the man of *Edric* aforesaid, held then a carucate of land, to which there belonged 3 villans, 6 borderers, with a carucate in demean, &c. and 4 acres of meadow, 7 breeding mares, 6 cows, &c. with 60 goats, and there were 16 freemen under *Edric's* protection only, who held a carucate and 20 acres of land, also 2 borderers, with 3 carucates. This manor of *Edric*, was valued at 12s. and that of the freemen at 12s. and they were in all 11 furlongs long and 7 broad, whoever may possess them, and paid 11d. q. gelt.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Terra Willi. Epici. Tedfordensis de feudo — In Horseia. ten. W. de Noers 1 lib. ho. Almari Epi. comd. tantu. xxv ac. et iii bord. et dim. car. et x ac. pti.

et val. ii sol. Rex et Comes soca' — In eade' ii lib. ho. A. Epi. comd. de xvi ac. et v ac. pti. val. xxxd.

<sup>6</sup> Terre Alani Comit. — In Hincham,

The first tenure, or lordship abovementioned, held by the four free-men, was at the survey claimed, together with a lordship in *Stalham*, (as appears there,) by *Robert Malet*, but the Earl *Alan* held all the aforesaid tenure of the Conqueror in *capite*.

A family that took their name from this town, was very early enfeoffed thereof. *Oliver de Ingham* was living in 1183. *John de Ingham* was lord in the reign of *Richard I.* and in the seventh of King *John*, *Robert de Tateshale* gave 100*l.* to have the custody of all the lands of *John de Ingham* deceased, with the marriage of his heir, as freely as *John* held it when he died.

*John de Ingham*, heir of *John*, married *Albreda*, daughter and co-heir of *William Waleran*, a great baron, in *Wiltshire*: she after married *William Botterell*, who gave to the King, 2 horses for the great saddle, and a *Norway* goshaw, for license to marry her: by her first husband, she had *Oliver de Ingham*, to whom she gave the manor of *Codeford*, in *Wiltshire*, in the 51st of *Henry III.* In the 52d of that King, he had all forfeitures in his let, as lord of this town, and in the 54th was found heir to *Albreda*: and *Walter de Ingham* was living in the 19th of *Henry III.*

In the 9th of *Edward I.* Sir *Oliver* was summoned among other barons to attend the King in his expedition into *Wales*; he died soon after,<sup>7</sup> and was found to hold this manor of the Lord *Tateshale* by one fee, to have free warren, the assise, and was lord also of *West Dean*, in *Wiltshire*, and *John* was his son and heir, by *Elizabeth* his wife, who was living in the 20th of *Edward I.* In the 22d of that King he was summoned to attend the King into *Gascoigne*, and in the 26th into *Scotland*; and in the said year *Alan Hovell* released to him (being then a knight) all right which he had in an annual payment of 2 robes and a saddle for his life, and all pensions, rents, and debts in one robe, for his *Esq.* and 2 robes, for 2 boys yearly, and all debts from the beginning of the world to the feast of *St. Catharine*, in this year; *Alan* surrendering to him all the writings which he had given *Alan*, concerning the estate which he had of *John*, in *Ludham*, *Catfeld*, *Heyham*, &c. dated at *Gaunt* in *Flanders*, on the feast of *St. Catharine*; witnesses, Sir *John de Boutetourt*, Sir *Robert de Scales*, Sir *Walter de Gloucester*, Sir *Robert de Hausted*, Sir *Ralph de Noioun*, *Walter de Walcote*, *Adam de Catfeld*, &c.

In the 34th of the said King, Sir *John* and *Reginald*, son of *William de St. Martin*, had a grant of the King, for livery of the manor of *Steeple Langford*, and the 3d part of *East Greenstede* manor, in *Wiltshire*, Sir *Oliver Ingham*, and *William de St. Martin*, had long before petitioned the King, for the same, they being the manors of

iiii lib. hoes xii ac. Rex et Com. soca, semp. dim. car. totu hoc val. T. R. E. xl sol. et p. simil. mo. viiii lib. —  
In eade tenuit Edric: ho' Edrici de Laxefelda, T. R. E. iii car. tre. semp. ix vill. et xiiii bord. tnc. iiii ser. mo. ii sep. ii car. in d'no. tnc. ii car. et dim. hom. mo. ii silva lx por. xxiiii ac pti. tnc. ii r. mo. i et vi an. et vii por. et ccc l ov. et xliiii cap. et vii soc. xxxv ac. sep i car. et dim. ac. pti. -Hinchamten. Edric. ho. E. de Laxefelda, i car. tre. tnc. iii

vill. p' et mo. ii sep. vi bor. et i car. in d'no. silva vi porc. et iii ac. pti et vii eque salvatice. et vi an. et xii porc. et lx cap. et xvi lib. ho's com'datione, tantu' i car. tre et xx ac. sep. ii bord. et iii car. tnc. val. maner. xii sol. et lib. hoes. xii sol. et mo. similit. et ht. xi qr. in long. et vii in lat. quicq; ibi teneat, et xid. et i ferding de gelt.

<sup>7</sup> Sir *Oliver* buried in 1291, in the priory of the Carmes at *Norwich*.

*John de Monmouth*, son and heir of *Cecilia*, who was hanged about the 10th of the said reign, for killing *Adam de Gilbert*, a chaplain, and the King had remitted the affair to the justices in parliament, and was not determined till at this time; this I presume was part of the barony of *Waleran*. Sir *John* died in or about the 3d of *Edward II.* and held this lordship, valued at 18*l.* per ann. by one fee, of the barony of *Tatenhale*, the manor of *Warham*, by one, of the Earl of *Norfolk*, valued at 17*l.* and a manor, or messuage, with lands at *Streston* in *Norfolk*, at 4*l.* 6*s.* per ann. this last being given to his father, Sir *Oliver* by *Roger de Eoereaux*, and *Oliver* was his son and heir, aged 40, probably by the Lady *Mercy* his wife, who was returned to be Lady of this manor in the 9th of *Edward II.* and was living in 1316, and 1328.

In the 7th of *Edward II.* *Oliver*, son and heir of Sir *John Ingham*, paid 50*l.* relief for a moiety of the barony of *Walteran*, (the other moiety being in Sir *Reginald de St. Martin*) and in right of this he was lord of *West Dean*, &c. in *Wiltshire*: *Holinshed* calls him a young, lusty, valiant knight, in great esteem with King *Edward II.*

Sir *Oliver* was also governor of *Ellesmore* castle, in *Shropshire*, and summoned to parliament in the 1st, 6th, and 14th of *Edward III.* and governor of *Marlborough* castle, and that of the *Devizes*, in the 14th of that King, and in the following year custos of *Chester*, constable of *Burdeaus*, in *France*, governor of *Guilford* castle; in the 17th of that King, justice of *Chater*, and had the King's writ directed to him, dated November 14, at *Nottingham*, to levy a hue and cry, and if possible to arrest *Roger Mortimer*, of *Wygmore*, the King's enemy; in the 19th of the said reign, he was seneschal of *Gascoign*, and lord warden of the marches of *Guien*; he raised a great army, and recovered the county of *Agnois* from the *French*. He was also seneschal of *Aquitain*, in the said reign, which King *Edward III.* confirmed to him, with an addition of 500 marks sterling, and after, of 77 sacks of wool and a half, out of the King's wool in *Hampshire*, was summoned to parliament among the barons in the first year, &c. of King *Edward III.* and in his 3d year, had a grant in fee of all the lands which were Sir *Thomas Rosceline's*, attainted, and a pardon for all offences, &c.; in the same year, he appears to be lord of *Darentry*, in *Northamptonshire*; in the 5th of that King, he settled on *John* his son, and *Catharine* his wife, on their marriage, the manor of *Streston*, and their heirs, who dying without issue about the 12th of that King, the said *Catharine* took the veil, and was a nun, and in the following year Sir *John de Thorp*, Knt. granted to the abbess of the nuns of *Clare*, in the *Minories*, at *London*, and her successors, an annuity of 20 marks out of his lands in *Congham*, *Norfolk*, and the said sum out of his lands at *Combes* and *Helmingham*, in *Suffolk*, as did *Thomas de Martham* 20 marks annuity out of his lands at *Martham*, *Horsey*, *Repps* and *Baxwick* in *Norfolk*, during the life of the said *Catharine*, then a nun in that convent.

Sir *Oliver* died on Thursday before the purification of the blessed Virgin, in the 17th of *Edward III.* and had, by the Lady *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of the Lord *Zouch*, 2 daughters, *Elizabeth* and *Joan*.

\* Smollet says that this Sir *Oliver* was one of the chief partizans and counsellors of Earl *Mortimer*, and taken prisoner at *Nottingham*, and sent to the

Tower, when *Mortimer* was taken; but this must be a great mistake.—Smollet's Hist. Ao. 1330.

He held this lordship by the 3d part of a fee, of the honour of *Rysing*. *John*, son of *Robert de Ingham*, was living about the said time, and seems to be related to *Sir Oliver*.

In the 14th of *Edward III.* *Roger de Hempsted*, parson of the portion of *Shotford*, in the church of *Mendham*, as trustee, conveyed to the said *John*, and *Margaret* his wife, 61 acres of land, 4 messuages, &c. in this town, *Stalham* and *Bramsted*, on whom they were settled in tail.

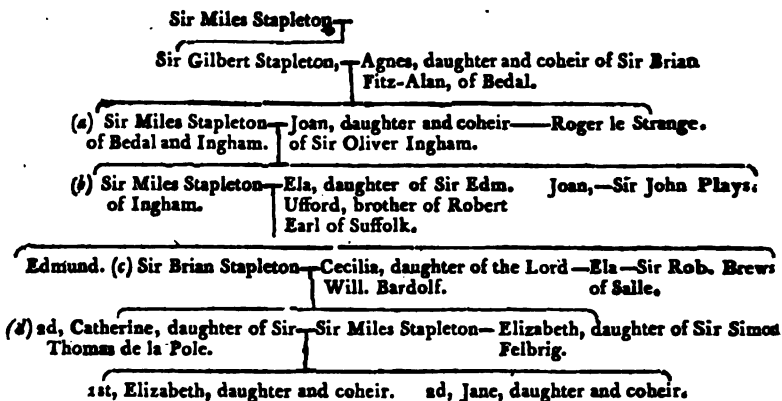
*Elizabeth*, the eldest daughter of *Sir Oliver*, died before him, and left, by *Sir John de Curson* her husband, *Mary*, a daughter, and heiress to her grandfather, aged at his death, 9 years. And in the 18th of *Edward III.* she had a moiety of the manor of *West Dene*, in *Wiltshire*, and all other the manors, &c. of her grandfather; the King granted the marriage of her to *John de Cobham*, his valet, and she married *Stephen de Tumby*, and dying s. p. in the 23d of the said King, *Joan* her aunt, came to her inheritance; and in the 18th of that King, *Roger le Strange* and *Joan* his wife, held a moiety.

*Joan*, the youngest daughter, married first, Lord *Roger le Strange* of *Knockyn*, and, after, *Sir Miles Stapleton*, Knt. of the Garter.

In the great Roll of the pipe, of the 28th of *Edward III.* under the title of *Norfolk*, it is said that *Joan*, the wife of *Roger le Strange*, aunt and heir of *Mary*, who was the wife, deceased, of *Stephen de Tumby*, ought to answer for her relief of all the lands held by the said *Mary* her cousin, in capite, but ought not to be summoned by the King's writ, the King considering the good services done to him, as well by *Sir Oliver de Ingham* whilst he lived, as by *Sir Miles Stapleton*, who married the said *Joan*, and for that the said *Sir Miles* and *Joan*, released the King of all debts which he owed *Sir Oliver*, who pardoned *Sir Miles* and his wife, for all debts and accounts which *Sir Oliver* owed to him at his death, or owing by *Sir Miles* and *Joan*, of wool, silver vessels, sums of moneys, or money impressed to them from the wardrobe, the King's chamber, or otherwise, and all arrears of accounts whatsoever: also the two marks that they owed for the aid granted in the 30th of his reign, on the making his eldest son a knight, for 2 parts of a fee in *Hampworth* in *Berkshire*.

*Sir Miles* was son of *Sir Gilbert Stapleton*, Knt. by *Maud* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Sir Brian Fitz-Alan*, a great baron, lord of *Bedal* in *Yorkshire*, who bore or and gules, barry of eight, in whose right he and his posterity were lords of *Bedal*, as is here set forth.

## STAPLETON'S PEDIGREE.



(a) Sir Miles had license to found a chantry for one priest in the church of *North Morton* in *Berkshire*, in the 23d of *Edward III.* May 14, and to settle 22 acres of land on it.

In the 14th of that King, he and Joan his wife settled by fine, the manor of *Ingham* and the advowson on themselves in tail, remainder to John, son of Sir Miles, by his first lady, *Isolda*, which John seems to have died *s. p.*

In the 26th of that reign, he and his lady granted to Sir *Edmund Thorp*, their right in a messuage in *Nether Conesford-street* in *Norwich*, and their right in the advowson of the church of *Fresingfeld* in *Suffolk*, on *St. John Baptist's* day. His seal was *argent*, a lion rampant. sable; his lady's seal was the arms of *Le Strange*, two lions passant, impaling *Ingham*, and on the edge or verge of this shield, were three coats or shields in a triangle, cheque, on a fess, three crescents; and by the same deed Sir Edmund had power to take down and carry away the building about the moat in the manor of *Horham* in *Suffolk*.

In the 28th of that King it appears that he was lord of *Cotherstone* and *Askham* in *Yorkshire*; was Knight of the Garter, one of the founders, and in the wars of *France* with King *Edward III.* from his 16th to the 38th year of his reign, and died in the said year, on *Wednesday* before the feast of *St. Nicholas*; and the custody of his lands was granted on *February* 21, *ao.* 39, to the Queen, who, on *May* 12 following, granted them to Sir *Brian Stapleton* and Sir *Roger de Bois*.

At this time were living Sir *Brian Stapleton* of *Hathesey*, and Sir *Brian Stapleton* of *Curleton*, (as I take it,) in *Yorkshire*, both relations of the aforesaid Sir Miles; Sir *Brian*, probably, being his brother, famous for military services, being governor of *Calais* in the reign of King *Edward II.* and a commissioner to treat of a peace between that King and the King of *France*.

(b) Sir Miles Stapleton and the Lady Joan convey in the 33d of *Edward III.* the lordship of *Horbling* in *Lincolnshire*, which she held in jointure to Sir *Alexander Aunsel*.

Sir Miles died in the 5th of Henry V. lord of *Waxham, Horsey, Thursk* in *Yorkshire*, and *Weybread* in *Suffolk*: his badge was an owl with wings expanded, and crowned.

(c) Sir Brian Stapleton, son of Sir Miles and Ela his wife, daughter of Sir Edmund Ufford, by Eva his wife, daughter of Sir John Pierpoint, in the 3d of Henry VI. granted to feoffees all his right in the manor of *Baynton Westhall*, in *Yorkshire*, late his brother Edmund's, (which Edm. died in 1417,) sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1424, aged 40 at his father's death; by his testament, dated April 5, 1438, and proved on August 5, he orders a priest to sing for him and Cecilia his wife, in the chapel of his son, where he keepeth his household;\* gives to Brian Stapleton, his younger son, and Isabel his wife, 20*l.* per ann. to be paid by Miles his son and heir, out of the manor of *Cotherston* in *Yorkshire*; money to the repairs of several churches; legacies to the friars of the 4 orders at *Nowich*.

His will is dated May 4, in the said year, whereby he gives to Miles his son, all his household stuff, &c. at *Ingham*, with all his swans, and cygnets of the new and old mark: he had a daughter Ann, married to Thomas Heath, Esq. of *Hengrave* in *Suffolk*.

Sir Miles died lord of *Codeford*, and *Longford* in *Wiltshire*, *Bekar*, in *Lincolnshire*, and *Stow Qui* in *Cambridgeshire*.

(d) Sir Miles was son of Sir Brian Stapleton; in 1428 he was a commissioner to look after the beacons of *Norfolk*; in 1457 conveyed the manor of *South Cove* in *Suffolk*, to William Calthorp, Esq. who married Elizabeth his daughter, which lordship he bought of Ralph Estley, Esq. and Julian his wife; and in the first of Edward IV. that of *Kessingland* in *Suffolk*, on his brother Brian, and was knight of the shire in parliament in the 28th of Henry VI. and at his death, September 30, 1466, left 2 daughters and coheirs, by Catharine, his 2d wife, Elizabeth and Joan: by his last will, he devised all his goods, chattels, and moveables, to be dispensed to pious uses, and all his manors to his feoffees, Thomas Betts, Humphrey Forster, John Heydon, John Fyncham, &c. for 4 years, to raise money for almes-deeds, for his soul's health; and by his testament in 1444, wherein he styles himself Miles Stapleton, Esq. of *Ingham*, he gives legacies to this priory, this church, and that of *Waxham*, to the Friars-preachers of *Yarmouth*, and *Norwich*, &c. appoints the Lady Catharine, his wife, Lady Ela Brewes, John Fastolf, Edmund Clere of *Stokesby*, Esq. Symon Gunuore, &c. executors; Thomas Bishop of *Norwich*, and William Earl of *Suffolk*, supervisors: proved December 21, 1466, by William Pykenham, LL. D. commissary of Thomas Archbishop of *Canterbury*, having bona notabilia; he died seized of this lordship, and those of *Horsey, Waxham, Lammis*, and *Sterston* in *Norfolk*; *Weybread* in *Suffolk*; *Bedal, Cotherston*, and *Askham*, Brian in *Yorkshire*.

Catharine, his widow, remarried Sir Richard Harcourt of *Ellenhale* in *Staffordshire*; and, on January 2, in the 7th of Edward IV. Sir Richard, and Dame Catharine his wife, received of Sir William Calthorp of *Burnham Thorp*, 80*l.* sterling in full for the farm of the manor of *Ingham*, for 2 years, due at St. Michaelmas last past.

Sir Rich. was father of Chris. Harcourt, Esq. by Edith his first wife, who married Joane, the youngest daughter and coheir of Sir



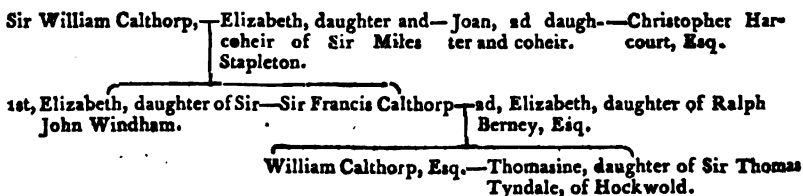
*Miles Stapleton*; \* but having interest in this lordship, I return to Sir *William Calthorp*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, the eldest daughter and coheir, who, on the death of Sir *William*, married Sir *John Fortescue*, lord chief justice of *England*, who was living here with his lady, *Elizabeth*, in the 22d of *Henry VII.* in great hospitality, as appears from his steward's account, *John Glavyn*, whose fee was 13s. 4d. per ann.

His expenses for 100 salt-fish, called ling, were 61s.;—for 200 salt fish, 66s. 8d.;—8 cades of red herrings, 28s.;—8 barrels of white herrings, 53s. 4d.;—malting of barley, charged at 6d. per quarter, and the carriage of it to Sir *John*'s city-house, at *Norwich*, was at 2d. per quarter from *Ingham* (this was the house of the late Sir *William Calthorp*'s, in St. *Martin*'s, by the palace.);—Paid for a mare to ride to *London*, 20d.;—for grinding a quarter of wheat, 3d.;—wheat then 4s. 8d. per quarter.—To a chandler for making candels, 4d. a day;—paid tithe of Sir *John*'s garden, 2s. 6d.

On the death of Sir *John* she married to Sir *Edward Howard*, lord admiral, and brother to the Duke of *Norfolk*, rather before *Fortescue*; Sir *Edward* was her husband in 17th of *Henry VII.*; she died in the last year of the said King.

Sir *Francis Calthorp*, son of *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Miles*, and 2d wife of Sir *William Calthorp*, inherited this lordship, which Sir *William* died in 1494, and was buried in the priory of *Carmes* at *Norwich*, by his wife. Sir *Francis* had 2 wives, the first was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Windham* of *Crownthorp*, by whom he had no issue; his 2d wife was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Ralph Berney*, Esq. of *Guntun*, in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *William Calthorp*, Esq. &c.

### CALTHORP'S PEDIGREE.



*William Calthorp*, Esq. sold it to Sir *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Waxham*; Sir *William Woodhouse* possessed it after Sir *Thomas* his brother; and Sir *Henry*, son of Sir *William*, sold it to Sir *Nicholas Bacon* in 1583.

After this it came to the *Johnsons*; *William Johnson* of *Catton* in *Norfolk*, Gent. by his last will, dated *August 9, 1636*, gave it to his son, *William Johnson*, which will was proved in 1641: he was son of *William Johnson* Esq. alderman of *Norwich*, and married *Hester*, daughter of *Francis Smalpiece*, Esq. alderman and mayor of *Norwich*.

*William Johnson*, and *Mary* his wife, were living in 1658, and he was lord likewise.

The abbot of *Holm* had an interest herein in the time of the Con-

\* Joan, after the death of Christopher Millum castle in Cumberland, and occurs Harcourt, married Sir John Hudleston of his wife in the 4th of *Henry VII.*

fessor, 30 acres of land, and half a carucate, and an acre of meadow, valued at 6s. 8d. ; - and the abbot had a lordship in the 3d of *Henry IV.* On the exchange of lands with King *Henry VIII.* and the Bishop of *Norwich*, this was granted to that see, and is now held by the Bishop with the priory grange, &c.

The tenths were 3*l.* 14s. Deducted 14s.

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Holy Trinity; it was anciently a rectory, valued at 26 marks in the reign of *Edward I.* when the rector had a manse, and 30 acres of land, and paid *Peter-pence*, 12*d.*

The abbot of *St. Bennet* had a portion of tithe valued at one mark.

### RECTORS.

*Reginald le Gross* occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward I.*

1302, *Fulk de Kerdeston*, instituted, presented by Sir *John Ingham*.

1349, *William de Bruggs*, by Sir *Roger Straunge*.

1360, *John de Baynton*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton* of *Bedale*.

On June 12, in the said year, *Thomas Percy* Bishop of *Norwich* (on the petition of Sir *Miles Stapilton*, lord of the town, and patron of the church, who had rebuilt it, and founded a college of the religious order of the Holy Trinity and *St. Victor*, for the redemption of captives, and enlarged it with its church, and a tower for bells appropriated it thereto, *Robert Marleburgh* being appointed the first prior, and *John Pevesey* sacrist, who was to have the cure of the parishioners, with ordinances and statutes, a pension being reserved of 10s. *per ann.* to the Bishop: it consisted of a prior, sacrist, and 6 canons.

At its dissolution it was granted to Sir *William Woodhouse* of *Waxham*; and Bishop *Rugg* aliened the priory of *Hickling*, with revenues belonging to his see in *Horsey*, *Palling*, &c. and their appropriated rectories, for *Ingham* priory grange, lands, and rectory, and the rectory of *Walcote*, to Sir *Thomas Woodhouse*.

It was valued at 6*l.* 9s. 7*d.* ob. *q.* as *Dugdale*; at 7*l.* 2s. 7*d.* ob. as *Speed*.

The church is served by a stipendiary curate, nominated by the Bishop. In 1603 here were 140 communicants.

At the west end of the steeple are the arms of *Stapleton*, impaling *de la Pole*, and those of *Ingham*; and there are 5 bells; part of the church is leaded, and part tiled, the chancel leaded; over the south porch is a room, and in the south isle is the chapel of *St. Mary*.

It consists of a nave, a north and south isle, all formerly covered with lead, and the tower is beautiful.

In the chancel or choir lie many gravestones curiously ornamented, formerly for the family of *Stapleton*, &c. but have suffered much through length of time, and for want of the chancel's being well covered.

Under an arch on the north side, lies the effigies of Sir *Oliver Ingham*, in complete armour, on a mattress, with his gilt spurs, and a garter on his leg, as knight of that order, beholding (as *Weaver* says<sup>3</sup>)

<sup>2</sup> Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Hulmo— S'ci. b. sep. dim. car. et i ac. p'ti val. In Hinchham xxx ac. t're. tenet. sep. vi sol. et viiid.

<sup>3</sup> Fun. Monuments, p. 317.

the sun, moon and stars, all very lively set forth in metal; at his feet a lion couchant, his helmet supported by 2 angels; his arms, per pale, or and vert, a cross moline, gules; crest, an owl with wings expanded, and crowned; also 24 mourners about his monument, and on the side of it,

*Mounsier Olvier de Ingham gist icy, et Dame Elizabeth, sa compagne, que luy Dieux de les almes eit mercy.*

On the pavement of the chancel a pourtraiture of a knight in complete armour, and his lady on the right hand, in brass; round the grave-stone,

*Priez pour les almes Monsieur Miles de Stapleton, et dame Johanne, sa femme, fille de Monsieur Olvier de Ingham, fondeurs de ceste mayson, que Dieu de leur almes eit pitee.*

On it the arms of Stapleton, and of Ingham.

On a grave-stone, the pourtraitures in brass of a knight in armour and his lady, with this epitaph,

*Icy gist Monsieur Miles de Stapleton fils al foundeur de ceste Meson, et dame Ela sa compagne, auxi Dieu de leurs olmes et mercy.*

On it remains the arms of Stapleton, impaling Ufford, sable, a cross ingrailed or, a fillet over all, argent.

On another, a knight and his lady, as before,

*Hic jacet Dn's Brianus Stapleton, fil D'ni Milonis Stapleton, filij fundatoris qui obt. 29 die mensis Augusti, anno quadringentesimo, -----, et D'na Cecilia, filia D'ni. Bardolf, uxor ejusd. D'ni. Briani qui obt. 29°. die Septembris A° D'ni 1432, quor. a'iab; p' pitietur Deus.*

On it remains Stapleton, impaling Ufford as above—Lord Bardolf, azure, three cinquefoils, pierced, or, impaling barry of six a bend over all, Lord Poynings, as I take it—Stapleton, impaling Bardolf.

On a like stone, the pourtraiture of a knight and his two wives:

*Orate p. a'ia D'ni Milonis Stapleton, militis, filij D'ni Briani Stapleton, filij D'ni Milonis Stapleton, filii D'ni Milonis Stapleton, mil. fundatoris ecclie hujus qui obt. 1, die Octob. Ao. D'ni 1466, et p. a'iab; D'ne Catherine, filie D'ni Thomæ Poole, fil. Michaelis nup. comitis Suff. et Eliz. filie D'ni Simonis Felbrigg, mil. consortium primi p'missi D'ni Milonis.*

On it were Stapleton, impaling Delapole, azure, on a fess, between three leopards faces, or, a mullet, sable—Stapleton, impaling, or, a lion salient, gules, Felbrig—Stapleton and Ufford,—Stapleton and Bardolf.

On a gravestone, with the portraiture of a lady in brass,

*Icy gist Jone, jadis femme a Mounseur John Plays, fille a Mounseur Miles de Stapleton que amourout le second jour de Septemb. l'an de grace n're S. Jesu Cryst, mil. trecent. huictante cinq. de quel alme Dieu eit mercy.*

On this were the arms of Plays, per pale, or and gules, a lion passant, in fess, argent, impaling two bends, -----, the rest reaved.

On another, a lady in brass, the epitaph reaved, with the arms of *Ufford*, as above impaling, -----, *azure*, a chief, *checque*, or and *gules*, *Perpoint*: also *Stapleton*, impaling *Ufford*; this shows it to be in memory of the Lady *Ela*, daughter of Sir *Edmund Ufford*, &c.

On another, with a brass plate,

*Hic jacet D'ns Rogerus Boys miles cuj. obitus fuit 25 die mensis Febr. A°. D'ni. 1421*: at the entrance of the choir, also, *John Boys*, Esq.

Also on one,

*Hic jacet venerabilis Edmund. Stapleton, armiger, quonda' camera-rius serenissimi principis Johs. Ducis Norf. et filius Milonis Stapleton fil. fundator. hujus domus, qui obt. 1462, et D'na Matilda, consors ejus. uxor quondam, Hugonis Fastolf. mil. que obt. Ao. 1495.*

On this remained *Stapleton*, impaling *Ufford*—quarterly, *argent*, four bends, *gules*, in the 1st and 4th *Talbot*, in the 2d and 3d *Clifton*.

Also one with a brass plate,

*Preces fundite p' a'ia Dne Elizabethe Calthorp, nup. D'ni Francisci Calthorp, consortis, que obt. 1536, July 23*; with the arms of *Calthorp*, impaled between his two wives, *Windham*, and *Berney*; this being in memory of his first wife.

At the east of the church, just by the rood loft, is a tomb raised, on which was the effigies of a knight in complete armour of alabaster; under his head was the head and body of a *Saracen*, coupé; at his feet an hound, and this inscription about it,

*Monsieur Roger de Boys gist icy, et Dame Margarete sa femme. auxi vous. qui passer icy priez Dieu de leur almes eit mercy. Elle morout l' an n'tre Seigneur mill. trecent et quinisime et il morout l'an de dit nostre Seigneur, 1300.*

On the tomb were these arms, *argent*, two bars, and a canton, *gules*; over all a fillet, *sable*, *Boys*—*Argent*, a bend ingrailed *azure*, and a chief, *gules*—*Cromwell*, impaling, *Bois*—*Bois*, impaling, *azure*, three cranes, or, beaked, &c. *gules*, *Boys*, impaling *Stapleton*;—*Boys*, impaling *Gimmingham*, *argent*, three mascles between two bendlets, *sable*— -----, quarterly,\* or and *sable*, a bend, *gules*, impaling *Gim-mingham*, *argent*, three greyhounds currant, in pale *sable*, collared, or—*Whigmore*, impaling *Boys*.

*John Bradle*, Esq. buried by the north door of the church, 1491.

In the body of the church a grave-stone, and a knight and his lady, the arms reaved.

*Hic miles gratus, Thomas Saukoile vocatus,  
Ponitur et digna sibi conjux Anna benigna;  
Augusti pr. idus, M. C. quater, L. q. secundo,  
Hunc Christus Dominus fecit valedicere mundo.  
Hec cum Clementer uit anno post venirente  
Illorum funus absolvat trinus et unus.*

Also one,

In memory of *William Johnson*, Esq; lord of the manor of *Ingham*,

\* Likely *Fastolf* impaling *Gimmingham*.

only son and heir of William Johnson, Esq; citizen and alderman of Norwich, he took to wife, Hester, eldest daughter of Franc. Smalpiece, Esq; citizen, alderman, and mayor of the said city, by whom he had 3 sons, and 10 daughters, whereof survived 2 sons, and 7 daughters, viz. William, and Robert; and Ann, who married Robert Fitchbourn, Esq; of London; Hester, Mary, Frances, Rose, Elizabeth, and Sarah; he departed this life, Jan. 2, 1640, atat. 41.

John de Saxham was buried in the chapel of St. Mary, of this church, in 1384; he gave the manor of *West-hall*, in *Cley*, by *Swaffham*, and the patronage of the church of *All-Saints*, to this priory, and the convent was to find a chaplain in their convent, to pray for him, and his ancestors and successors.

A grave-stone, in the middle isle,

In memory of William Johnson, Esq; and Hester his wife, he died Janu. 2, 1640, aged 41; with the arms of Johnson,—*gules*, on a saltire, *argent*, three crosses moline, of the first impaling, *sable*, a chevron ingrailed, between three cinquefoils, *argent*, Smalpiece.

### THE PRIORY, or COLLEGE MANOR

Of *Ingham*, was founded by Sir Miles Stapleton, and the Lady Joan his wife, daughter and coheir of Sir Oliver de Ingham, in the 34th of King Edward III. dedicated to St. Mary and the Holy Trinity, for redemption of captives taken by the Turks, (an order of friars, called *Mattarins* and *Trinitarians* founded by John de Matta, and Felix de Valois, in 1200,) confirmed by Pope Innocent III. who gave them leave to wear white robes, with a cross, red and blue, on their breasts, appointing all their possessions to be divided into three parts,—one part for their own subsistence, another for the relief of the poor, and the 3d for the redemption of captives, according to the rule of St. Victor; this house is said to have been the chief of this order, that is in respect of value. I meet with but 3 others in England; *Thelesford* in *Warwickshire*, *Mottinden* in *Kent*; and *Knaresburgh* in *Yorkshire*, all founded before this of *Ingham*.—Brother Richard of the house of *Mottinden* was provincial of the order in England.

All their churches were dedicated to the Trinity.

This priory to consist of a prior, minister, or custos, who had the care of the college, a sacrist, who had care of the parishioners, and to officiate for them; the church appropriated to the college. Richard Marleburgh was the first prior, and John de Pevesey the first sacrist, and there were 4 more brethren. They were to officiate and pray for the souls of King Edward III. Sir Miles Stapleton, and the Lady Joan, the founders; Sir Briant Stapleton, and the Lady Alice his wife, Sir Miles Stapleton de Hathesey, in *Yorkshire*; John de Boys, and Roger de Boys, his brother, Mr. Laur. de Thornhill, clerk William de Hemelesey, and Catharine his wife, and Reginald de Eccles, then living, and for the souls of Sir Gilbert de Stapleton, and the Lady Agnes, father and mother of Sir Miles, the founder, Sir Oliver de Ingham and the Lady Elizabeth; Sir Nicholas de Stapleton, and the Lady Catharine Boys, deceased; and on the 2d of July, in the aforesaid year, 1360, Thomas Bishop of Norwich appropriated to them this

church; but at this time there appears to have been but a custos, and 2 chaplains or brethren.

In the 36th of the said King, they had a patent to enlarge their house; Sir Roger Boys, in the 2d of Richard II. &c. aliened a messuage, 84 acres of land, 2 of meadow, and one of pasture, in *Worsted* and *Scothow*.

*John de Saxham*, by his will in 1384, gives his lordship of *Cockley-Cley*, in *Norfolk*, with the advowson of the church of *All-Saints*, and lands and tenements in *Treston*, and *Saxham Parva*, and in the 16th of Richard II. *Thomas Moor*, &c. aliened the said manor, of *Cley*, with 8 messuages, 221 acres of land, 22 of meadow, 4 of moor, and the rent of 11s. 11d. in *Ingham*, *Walcote*, *Worsted*, *Hickling*, *Catfield*, *Horsey*, and the church of *Walcote*, and lands in *Beacham Well*, and *Barton*.

In the 2d of Henry IV. a patent was granted for lands in this town, *Stalham*, *Walcote*, and in the following year, for the church of *Walcote*.

*Elizabeth Atte Fenn*, and *John de Northgate*, gave lands in *Westwick*, and *Worsted*, and *Robert Stutvile*, capellane, left them by will, 6l. in 1481. *Robert Smith*, of *Cley*, gave 12 acres and an half to keep a mind-day for the souls of his father, mother, and himself and wife, on the vigil of St. Peter ad vincula, in the church of *Cley St. Peter's*, by *Swaffham*.

In the 27th of Henry VIII. 17l. per ann. was paid by *Edward Garrard*, to the prior for their lands in *Ingham*, *Hickling*, *Stalham*, *Suttou*, &c. the services and rents of *Stalham-hall*, &c. being excepted, and 20 comb of wheat, yearly by the tenant, who farmed their grange here, and the prior paid, 3d. per ann. to the sheriffs turn, 5s. 4d. to Sir *Thomas Tindale's* manor, and 13s. 4d. to the bailiff of *Ingham* manor, for their grange.—Their cloister joined to the north side of the church.

## PRIORS.

*Richard Marleburgh* was appointed the first prior, 1360, and was living in 1373; and *John de Pevesey* was sacrist.

1383, *John de Trowes*, admitted prior.

1429, *Thomas Neteshead*.

*John Blakeney*, occurs prior, 1439.

*John Norwich* in 1447.

1476, *Thomas Ranworth*.

*Thomas Catfield*, alias *Godrede*, occurs 1492, and in 1520.

*John Say* in 1534, and the last prior. He with *Robert Barham*, and four other brethren, subscribed to the Pope's supremacy August 5, 1534, and the prior with *Christopher Brumstede*, were found by the commissioners guilty of incontinency.

The seal of the priory was oblong, of red wax, the impress was the figure of the Trinity in an arch, under that a lion rampant, the arms of the founder.

## LESINGHAM

**W**AS the manor of *William the Conqueror*, and farmed, or managed by *Godric* his bailiff, or steward, at the survey; *Godwin*, a thane of *Edward the Confessor*, was lord of it. This *Godwin* was Earl of *Kent*, &c. and father of King *Harold*, and had 3 carucates, and 30 acres, held by 15 villains, and 16 borderers, with six servi, 2 carucates in demean, 3 among the tenants, and 12 acres of meadow, paunage for 10 swine, 2 runci, 3 cows, &c. and 20 sheep, eight freemen held 100 acres, with 2 carucates, and 2 acres of meadow, then valued at 60s. and what the freemen held at 10s. the whole after at 4l. and at the survey; and four freemen paid 6l. quitrent, and 20s. for an income in tale; it was one leuca and a half long, and the geld was 10d. ob. the King and the Earl had then the soc.<sup>3</sup>

Afterwards this lordship was granted from the Crown, and given by *Gerard de Gurnay*, lord of it, to the abbey of *Benedictin* monks, at *Bec* in *Normandy*, which abbey subjected to their cell at *Okeborne*, in *Wiltshire*, as appears from a charter of King *Henry II.* exemplified among the rolls of the *Tower*, though not mentioned in *Neustria Pia*. King *Edward I.* in his 14th year, claimed 2s. per ann. rent, due to the hundred of *Happing*, out of it, but the abbot of *Bec* pleaded an exemption by grants of that King's ancestors; and King *Henry VI.* in his 13th year, granted license to *John Norman*, son of *Henry Norman*, a villain of this manor, to be promoted to any ecclesiastical benefice, notwithstanding his villanage.

By a parliament in the 2d of *Henry V.* it was dissolved among other alien priories, and seized by the Crown, and so remained for some time. King *Henry VI.* in his 19th year, granted the custody of it to *Edmund Clere*, for 20 years, paying 16l. per ann. but was soon after reconveyed to the King, in order to settle it with many other on King's college, in *Cambridge*, and *Eaton* college, on his foundation of them, and confirmed to them by his charter in 1444, and confirmed again by King *Edward IV.* on *February 22*, in his first year, with many privileges, as enjoyed by the abbot of *Bec*, &c. and remains so at this time.

The tenths were 3l. 8s.—Deducted 0.—The temporalities of the prior of *Hykling* here were 6s. 8d.

The Church is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was in the patronage of the priory of *Okeburn*, as a cell to the abbey of *Bec*: in

<sup>3</sup> Terra Regis qua' Godric. servat—  
Lesingham tenuit Godwin' tēgn. T. R. E.  
iii car. et xxx ac. semp. xv vill et xvi.  
bor. et vi ser. t'nc. ii car. in d'nio p' et  
mo. i semp. iii. car. hom. et xii ac. pri.  
silva x porc. ii r. et iii an. et vii porc. et

xx ov. et viii lib. ho'es c. ac sep. ii  
car. et ii ac. pti. tnc. val. lx sol. et lib.  
ho's x sol. p' totu' iii lib. ho'es mo. vi  
blancas et xx sol. de gersuma ad nume-  
ru'. et ht. i leu. et dim. in long. et xd.  
et obolu' de'gelto. Rex et Comes soca'.

the reign of *Edward I.* the rector had a manse with 15 acres, valued at 10 marks. *Peter-pence 3d. ob.*

## RECTORS.

1317, *William Ery*, instituted, presented by the procurator-general of the abbey of *Bec*.

1331, *Thomas le Bret*. Ditto.

1333, *Thomas de Eure*.

1349, *John Aylmer*, by the prior of *Okeborn's* procurator-general.

1353, *Ralph Burgeys*.

1386, *John Janne*, by the King, the temporalities of the priory being in his hands.

1391, *Henry Thirninge*.

1394, *John Smith*.

1396, *Thomas Mason*.

1415, *Thomas Letton*, by Sir *Thomas Erpingham*, in right of *Lesingham* manor, which he farmed of *John Duke of Bedford*, son of King *Henry IV.*

1439, *John Idewyn*, by the King.

1480, Mr. *Thomas Pety*, A.M. by the provost, &c. of King's college *Cambridge*.

1514, *Roland Geffrey*.

1515, *John Adderton*.

1523, *Peter Major*.

1528, *John Wade*.

1554, *Robert Webster*.

1557, *Thomas Fraunceys*.

1559, *Christopher Green*.

1582, *Robert Spooner*: he certified in 1603, that there were 75 communicants.

1634, *Nathaniel Vincent*, S.T.B.

1662, *Peter Cushing*.

1672, *William Willis*.

1681, *James Ferrer*.

1710, *Jonathan Challoner*, by the provost, &c. of King's college, *Cambridge*.

1727, *Benjamin Hunt*. Ditto.

1739, *Benjamin Shipman* Ditto.

The present valor is 6*l.* and is discharged.

King's college has the patronage.

Here were the guilds of *All-Saints*, and *St. Mary*: the lights of *St. Nicholas*, *All-Saints*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Blase*, and in the church, *gules*, a cross flurt, *argent*, an annulet, in chief, *sable*, *Rose*.



## L U D H A M.

THE abbot of St. Bennet was lord in King *Edward's* reign, this town (granted by King *Canute*) being part of the abbot's barony; at the survey he was found to have 5 carucates of land, held by 15 villains and 13 borderers, 2 servi, with 3 carucates in demean, 2 carucates, and half a carucate of the tenants, 100 acres of meadow, &c. and 115 socmen and the moiety of another, held 3 carucates of land with 15 acres; and there were 10 carucates and 15 acres of meadow; four freemen and the moiety of one, had a carucate and 15 acres; there were 3 borderers with 2 carucates, and 5 acres of meadow, of these, the abbot had the protection or commendation only; the King and the Earl had the soc; the whole was valued at 5*l.* at the survey at 6*l.* and it was 2 leucas and an half and 15 perches long, and one leuca and an half with 70 perches broad, and paid 5*d.* gelt. And there was one socman, with 30 acres and 4 borderers, with 3 acres and half a carucate of meadow, valued at 1*l.*<sup>6</sup>

By this account it appears to have been a very extensive manor. In the 30th of *Henry III.* the abbot had free warren; the rents of assise were 6*l.* 10*s.* there were 105 acres of arable land, at 5*d.* per acre, 10 acres of meadow at 6*d.* per acre, and was part of his barony of *Tunstede*, which barony is said to be held by two fees, and the moiety of a fee; and in the 14th of *Edward I.* he had the assise, view of frank pledge, a tumbrel, &c.

In the said year, *Robert de Ludham*, one of the justices of the *Jour.* having committed a falsity or breach of trust, was at the instances of the Queen's attorney, &c. brought before the treasurer and barons of the Exchequer, was put out of his office and committed to prison, probably of a family that had an interest here.

*Sabina*, daughter of *John de Ludham*, and *John*, son of *Sabina*, gave to the abbot and his successors, 35 acres of land in this town and *Cutfield*, in exchange for other lands in the 34th of the said King.

On the dissolution of the abbey, this lordship came to the Crown, and on an exchange of lands between King *Henry VIII.* and the Bishop of *Norwich*, was granted to that see with the impropriated rectory, and patronage of the vicarage.

In the 3d and 4th year of *Philip* and *Mary*, the rents of assise were 2*l.* 4*s.* 9*d.* the site of the manor was 40*s.* and 16*l.* per ann. for the farm of 100 acres of pasture in 3 closes; the herbage of the park,

<sup>6</sup> Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Holmo—  
Lodham ten. semp. S. B. p. v. car. t're.  
sep. xv vill. et xiii bor. ii ser. iiii car. in  
d'no. ii car. et dim. hom. silva xvi per.  
c ac. p'ti. iii runc. xvi por. iii vasa apu'  
et cxv soc. et dim. iiii car. t're. et xv  
ac. sep. x car. xv ac. p'ti. et iiii libi.  
ho'cs, et dim. i car. t're. et xv ac. sep.

iii bor. ii car. v ac. p'ti. ex his habuit  
abbas comd. tantu' rex et comes soca.  
tc. val. totu' c sol. mo. vi lib. et ht. ii  
leu. et dim. et xv perc. in long. et i leu.  
et dim. in lat. et lxx p' c. et v sol. de  
g. q'c'q; ibi teneat.—In Ludham i  
soc. S. B. xxx ac. iiii bor. iii ac. p'ti.  
dim. car. val. ii sol.

33s. 4d. 17 acres of arable land, 90s. &c. with sales of wood, profits of a warren, perquisites of court, &c.

After this exchange, several Bishops resided here, and made it their country seat, being formerly only a grange or farm-house of the abbey; the Bishops *Freak* and *Jegon* erected several useful buildings to it.<sup>7</sup>

In Bishop *Jegon's* time, August 10, 1611, by the negligence of persons employed in brewing, a great fire happened, which burnt that and many other parts of it, with the Bishop's study, many books, MSS. and rolls relating to the see, with 600*l.* in gold and silver, great part of which was found unmelted, with much furniture and goods of the Bishop, so that there were left unburnt only the gentleman's and chaplain's lodgings, these alone being tiled and built by Bishop *Freak*.

After this Bishop *Harsnet* who resided here at times, bairt a chapel of brick, &c.

In a glass window of the hall, before this accident, the arms of the abbey were painted, and these verses setting forth the time of the building of it,

*Anno milleno C. quater et L. jubileo  
Est opus hoc factum, finem simul usq. redactum.  
In Christi laude, qui munera dat sine fraude.*

Dr. *Redman*, Bishop in Queen *Elizabeth's* time, procured a fair for this town, and a market. The Bishop of *Norwich* is lord.

The fair is yearly, on *Thursday* and *Friday* after *Trinity Sunday*.

The convent had also formerly a lordship here; the rents of it belonging to the cellarer, were 13s. 4d.; to the sacrist, 53s. 4d. ob. q. 4 bushels of oats to the almoner; 10d. ob. to the penitentiary, and 5s. a portion of tithe to the infirmary, which came by the aforesaid exchange also, to the see of *Norwich*; it was valued at 3*l.* 6s. per ann.

The temporalities of the abbot of *Holm*, in 1428, were 30*l.* 9s. 5d.

In this town also 7 freemen held half a carucate, the King and the Earl had the soc, and there was a carucate and a borderer.

*Edric*, a freeman of *Edric de Laxfeld*, had 60 acres of land in King *Edward's* time, 4 borderers, half a carucate, with 2 acres and an half of meadow, and 11 freemen had 80 acres of land; 19 socmen also held a carucate of land belonging to *St. Bennet's* abbey in King *Edward's* reign.<sup>8</sup>

*Edric*, a man of *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, invaded or seized on it in the time of *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, and was possessed of it when there was a division made of the lands of *Ralph*, between the King and Earl *Alan*, and the Earl had a carucate and an half, with 4 acres of meadow, valued at 10s.

<sup>7</sup> The Bishops of *Norwich* have here, and near to it, about 300*l.* or 400*l.* per ann. in demean, supplying them in all kind of provision with great plenty, till leased out by Bishop *Montague*.

<sup>8</sup> T're. Alani Comitiss.--In Ludham, vii libi ho'es. dim. car. t're. Rex et Comes soca sep. i car. et i bor.--In Ludha' ten. Edric. lib. ho. Edrici. de Laxfelda

T.R.E. lx ac. t're. et liii bord. et dim. car. et ii ac. et dim. p'ti. et xi libi. ho'es. lxxx ac. t're ---In Ludham i car. t're. xviii soc. S'ci. Ben. T. R. E. et hoc invasit Edric. ho. Comitiss Alani t'pr.R. Comitiss et erat inde seisis quando facta e. divisio t'raru' intr. regem et comitem et ht. i car. et dim. liii ac. p'ti. et val. x sol.

All these tenures abovementioned were, at the survey, possessed by *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, and made up what was after called *Bacon's* manor in *Ludham*, &c. as will appear.

*Sir Bartholomew de Bacon* of *Erwarton* in *Suffolk* died lord of it, as by his will, proved in 1391, whose sister and heir, *Isabel*, brought it by marriage to *Sir Oliver Calthorp*; and *Edward Calthorp*, Esq. of *Kirby Cane*, sold it, with its appertenances in *Catfield*, *Heigham-Potter*, &c. for 350 marks to *John Corbet*, Gent. in the 30th of *Henry VIII.*

Bishop *Rugg* exchanged the manors of *Wood-Bastwick*, and *Chamberer's*, and *Wood Bastwick* rectory, for this manor, with *John Corbet*, Esq. October 12, 1545.

The tenths were 7*l.* 15*s.* 4*d.* Deducted 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Catharine*, and was a rectory, valued at 43 marks, and appropriated to the abbey of *St. Bennet*, by *Pandulf* Bishop of *Norwich*, on the 6th of the ides of *June*, in the 4th of Pope *Honorius III.* and a vicarage was ordained valued at 8 marks.

In the reign of *Edward I.* the vicar had a manse and 16 acres of land; and the *Peter-pence* were 28*d.*

The presentation was in the abbot, &c. but nominated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

*Robert de Gloucester* was presented to the rectory by King *John*, ao. 15, in the vacancy of the abbey.

## VICARS.

In 1318, *Robert de Biskele* instituted vicar, presented by the abbot, &c. but nominated by the Bishop.

1342, *Roger de Stow.*

1361, *William de Laverton.*

1388, *John Ulvestoft.*

1390, *John Moris.*

1418, *William Watton.*

1424, *Thomas Thelnetham.*

*John Robyns.*

1439, *Henry Candeler.*

1452, *Edmund Oldcorn.*

1462, *John Phelip.*

1466, *John Osmond.*

1515, *John Adderton.*

*Richard Garnon.*

1554, *John Acres.*

1583, *John Wright*; in 1603 he returned 260 communicants.

1610, *Thomas Haselop*, A.M.

1611, *Thomas Jermin.*

1612, *Robert Gitt*, A.M.

1631, *Jeremiah Watts.*

*John Waterson*, vicar.

1662, *Robert Darley.*

1664, *George Thomason.*

1671, *William Barker.*

1675, *Nathaniel Hindle*, vicar.

*Charles Trimnell*, resigned in 1718, and  
*Edmund Cale*, presented by the Bishop.

1736, *Richard Tappe*. Ditto.

1737, *Dudley Butts*. Ditto.

Here were the guilds of *St. Catherine*, *St. Mary*, and *St. John*; the lights of *St. Catherine*, *St. Mary*, *St. John*, the *Trinity*, the rood, and *St. Nicholas*; and in the church the chapels of *St. Mary* and *St. John*.

The church is a regular building with 3 isles, a chancel, and a tower with 5 bells.

Bishop *Harsenet* repaired and ornamented the church, and made the ring of 5 bells out of 4 old ones.

In the church were gravestones

*In memory of Christopher White, gent. who died in 1659.*

One for

*Thomas Pettus, gent, who died August 27, 1679.*

Also for

*Thomas Littlewood, gent. October 12, 1683.*

Here were the arms of *Marshal*, *Bacon*, *Jermy*, and *Mounteney*; *argent*, a bend between six martlets, or; *gules*, on a cross, *argent* five eaglets, *sable*, *Diggs*; and *Calthorp*, quartering *Bacon*, *Wachesham*, *Withe*, &c. also impaling, quarterly, *Stapleton* and *Ingham*.

The present valor is 6*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged. The Bishop is patron.

## PALLING.

**G**ODWIN Earl of *Kent*, and father of *Harold King of England*, had a lordship in this town in the reign of the Confessor; *William the Conqueror* seized on it, and at the grand survey, *Godric* was bailiff or steward of it for that King; 3 carucates of land belonged to it with 9 villans and 14 borderers, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, 20 acres of meadow, 14 breeding mares, 2 runci, 23 swine, 71 sheep, then valued at 4*l.* at the survey at 6*l.* quit rent: it was 8 furlongs and 12 perches long, and 8 furlongs broad, and paid 12*d.* ob. gelt per ann.<sup>9</sup>

This lordship seems to have been held by the lords of *Hempstede*.

<sup>9</sup> Terra Regis quam Godric. servat. por. et lxxi ov. tnc. val. iiii. lib. p. et  
— Pallinga tenuit Goduin. T. R. E. mo. vi blancas et ht. viii quar. et xii  
iii car. t're. sep. viii et xiii bor. semp. perc. et in long. viii quar. in lat. et xiid.  
i car. in d'no. et i car. hom. xx ac. p'ti et ob. de gelt.  
et xiii eque silvaticce et ii r. et ii xxiid

¶ The vicarage is charged at 2*l.* 6*s.* 7*d.* and is discharged; the Earl of Orford is patron.

*William Gostelyn* of this town wills in 1473, to be buried in this church, and gives an acre and half of land, in *Cotyote field*, to fynd the holy brede lof, as long as the world endureth, and to the church, a messuage, in *Merefeld*, &c. *Reg. Caston, Norwich*, 188.

Here was the guild of our Lady.

## RITSON EAST.

**RALPH BAYNARD** was lord of this town at the survey, and had enfeoffed *Jeffrey Baynard* of this manor, of which *Ansgar*, a freeman, who held it under *Anger Stalra*, was deprived; it consisted of 2 carucates of land, 16 villains, 5 servi, 2 carucates in demean, 2 of the tenants, &c. 5 acres of meadow, 5 runci, 10 cows, &c. 12 sheep, 40 goats: and 41 freemen had a carucate of land, and 8 carucates of meadow, valued at 4*l.* there was one freeman with 30 acres of land, and 2 borderers, and a carucate valued at 6*s.* and 1 freeman who held under *Stigand*, 2 carucates of land, 15 villains, &c. and one carucate and a half in demean; one carucate of the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, valued at 40*s.* and 3 freemen 12 acres; and half a carucate valued at 4*s.* A freeman of Bishop *Almar* had also 2 carucates, and 15 villains, &c. with a carucate of the tenants, and 5 acres of meadow, &c. valued at 20*s.* and 3 socmen, 5 acres; and there was a mill, valued at 2*s.* the whole valued at 10*l.* 12*s.* at the survey at 20*l.* it was one leuca and a half long, one leuca and four furlongs broad, and the gelt was 19*d.* 4.<sup>4</sup>

This appears to have been a very great manor, made up of several fees, and different tenures, before the grant of it to the Lord *Baynard*, and afterwards was divided, and made several distinct lordships. *Geffrey*, who held it under the Lord *Ralph Baynard*, was (as I conceive) a brother, or near relation, of the said Lord.

*William Lord Baynard*, a descendant of *Ralph*, who held it in *ca-vite*, rebelling against King *Henry I.* forfeited this lordship, and his

<sup>4</sup> Terre Rad. Bainardi—In Ristuna ten. Gausfrid. i lib. ho. qua. ten. Ansgar. sub Angero Stalra, ii car. tre. tc. xvi vill. mo. x tc. v ser. mo. i sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. ii car. hom. mo. i silv. iiii por. et v acr. p'ti. tc. v r. x an. et mo. ii tc. xl por. mo. xiiii tc. xii ov. mo. xxvi tc. xl cap. mo. lx et c xli lib. ho'es i car. tre. tc. et p' viii car. mo. iiii et ii ac. pti. sep. val. iiii lib.—In ead. i lib. ho xxx ac tre. sep. ii bor. tc. et p i car. mo. dim. et val. vi sol.—In ead. i lib. ho. ii car. tre. sub Stigando tc. xv vill. mo: xi tc. iii ser. mo. i tc.

et p' i car. et dim. in dio. mo. i sep. i car. hou' et v ac p'ti. silv. iiii por. sep. val. xl sol. et iii lib. ho'es. xii ac. sep. dim. car. et val. iiii sol.—In ead. i lib. ho. Almari. Ep. ii car. tre. tc. xv vill. mo. xi tc. iii ser. tc. et p' i car. mo. nulla semp. i car. hom. et v ac. pti. silv. iiii por. et val. xx sol. et iii soc. v ac. tc. i mol. et val. ii sol. int. totu' erant x lib. et xii sol. mo. totu' reddit xx lib. totu' h'et i leug. et dim. in long. et i leng. et iiii q. in lato et xviiiid. et obol. de gelto,

barony, and that King granted it to *Robert*, a younger son of *Richard Fitz Gilbert*, ancestor of the Earls of *Clare*, and from this *Robert*, the noble family of the Lords *Fitz Walter* take their rise. The head of this barony was *Baynard castle*, in *London*, which gives name to a ward in the said city.

From *Geffrey*, who was enfeoffed of it by the Lord *Ralph*, descended Sir *Robert Baynard*, who held it of the Lord *Fitz Walter*, of his barony of *Baynard castle*, as Sir *Fulk Baynard*, his son, did about the 20th of *Henry III.*

In the 52d of *Henry III.* *Bartholomew Baynard*, son of Sir *Robert Baynard*, (third son of Sir *Fulk Baynard*) dying s. p. *Petronilla*, his widow, remarried *Hervey de Vaux*; and *Isabel*, *Maud*, and *Emme* were his sisters, and coheirs, who granted to *Petronilla* the lordship that he held here for life, with a messuage, 72 acres of land, 2 of pasture, &c. in this town, and *Happesburgh*, by fine, remainder to *Richard Esturmy*, who with *Joan* his wife held it in the 54th of that King; but in the 1st of *Edward I.* *William Esturmy*, brother of *Richard*, conveyed his right herein to *Robert Burnell* Bishop of *Bath and Wells*, with the lordships of *Helagh*, upon *Swale*, *Kirkeby*, *Herblawere*, and *Osmunderly*, in *Yorkshire*; *Morely*, in *Devonshire*. In the 9th of that King the Bishop had a grant of free warren here, and in the 12th *Peter de Huntingfeld*, and *Immania*, who had a lordship in this town, convey that to him, with that of *Wyckham* in *Kent*, and *Joan de Muncey*, relict of Sir *Richard Esturmy*, released to him, in the 13th of that King, her interest herein, with messuages, lands, a mill, &c. and from this lord, it was after called the manor of *Burnell*, and he left it to his nephew.

*Ingelram Berenger*, in the 5th of *Edward II.* conveyed to *Edward Lord Burnel*, and *Aliva* his wife, (as a trustee,) this manor, with that of *Thurning*, and 100s. rent in *Gunton* in *Norfolk*; *Eydon*, *Crofton*, and *Acton Reynold* in *Shropshire*; and *Compton Danno* in *Somersetshire*; this *Edward* dying, left *Aliva* his wife, by whom he had no issue, and *Maud* his sister, and heir, and was found to hold this lordship by the service of 40d. at the end of every 24 weeks, to *Baynard castle*, then valued at 15*l.* per ann.

*Maud*, his sister and heir, married Sir *John de Handlo*, Lord *Burnell*, in her right; in this family it remained till in the 4th of *Henry V.* *Edward Lord Burnell* was found to die possessed of it, leaving by *Jocosa* his wife three daughters, and coheirs, *Joyce*, *Catharine*, and *Mary*; and on a division of the estate, this came to *Cath.* who married Sir *Jn. Ratcliff*, and they were possessed of it in the 18th of *Henry VI.* and the said Lady *Catherine* held it in dower, in the 31st of that King, and *John Ratcliff*, her son and heir, inherited it, ancestor to the Earls of *Sussex*.

In 1721, on *June 27*, an act passed for vesting the manor of *Burnel*, in *Ruston*, part of the estate of *Jonas Rolf*, Gent. and *Lucy* his wife, in trustees, to be sold for discharging of incumbrances thereof; and it was soon after possessed by the Earl of *Orford*, in which family it continues.

## KERDESTON'S MANOR.

The family of Kerdeston was enfeoffed of a lordship here. *William de Kerdeston*, in the 6th of *Henry III.* was petent, and *Robert Baynard*, tenent, of common of pasture in 80 acres of land, in a fine, before *Fulk Bayhard*, &c. the King's justices, and the said *William* held half a fee of the Lord *Fitz Walter*, and one of the said name was returned to be lord in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Maud de Kerdeston*, widow of Sir *Roger*, held it in the 20th of *Edward III.*

Sir *William Kerdeston* (son of Sir *Roger*) and *Cecilia* his wife, in the reign of *Richard II.* and Sir *Thomas Kerdeston*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, in the 3d of *Henry VI.* being then called *Netherhall*, alias *Kerdeston's*,<sup>1</sup> and in the 24th of that King, it was settled on Sir *Thomas Kerdeston* and *Philippa* his wife in tail; remainder to *William de la Pole* Marquis of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife.

In the 16th of *Edward IV.* *John de la Pole* Duke of *Suffolk* was lord, and *Edmund de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, who was beheaded in the 5th year of *Henry VIII.*; after this it was granted by the said King, as a forfeited estate, to *Charles Brandon* Duke of *Suff.* and being after his death again in the Crown, was granted *April 11*, in the 4th of *Edward VI.* to *Thomas Thirlby* Bishop of *Norwich*, and his successors, and so continues in the see of *Norwich*.

## VAUX MANOR.

In the 20th of *Henry III.* *William de Vaux*, and *Peter de Huntingfeld* were found to hold one fee of Sir *Fulk de Baynard*, and *Fulk* of *Robert* Lord *Eitz Walter*; and in the 56th of that King *Hervey de Vaux*, and *Isabel*, or *Petronilla*, his wife, were querents, in a fine, *Rich. Esturmy* and *Joan* his wife, deforciant, of a messuage, 60 acres of land, 2 of pasture, &c. in this town, *Happesburgh*, &c. which *Hervey* and *Isabel* held before for the life of *Hervey*, by grant from *Isabel*, *Baynard*, *Maud*, and *Emme* her sisters, in demean, with homages, rents, services, &c. hereby granted to *Hervey* and *Isabel*, and the heirs of *Hervey*; to be held of the heirs of *Richard* and *Joan*, by half a fee, and the moiety of the fourth part of a fee, and paying castleward to *Baynard* castle, 12d. yearly for all services; *Hervey* paying to *Richard* 300 marks of silver.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Burga*, widow of *William de Vaux*, held it, and in the 5th of *Edward III.* the said lady; a fine was levied in the 50th of the said King, between *John de Eccles*, querent, and Sir *John de Weyland* and *Burga*, his wife, who was daughter and heir of *William de Vaux*, deforciant, of this manor, who granted to *John*, two parts of it during the life of *Robert de Martham* and *Sibilla* his wife, and by another fine, in the said year, Sir *John* and his lady were querents; and *Robert* and *Sibilla*, deforciant, of the two parts, now settled on *Burgh* and her heirs: *Elizabeth*, daughter, and heir of Sir *John*, and the lady *Burga*, married *John Harewell*, Esq. of *Warwick*.

<sup>1</sup> Of this family see in *Sedestern*, and *Reefham Kerdeston*.

shire, and had *Joan*, a daughter and heir, who married *John Stretche*, Esq. and enjoyed it in the reign of *Henry V.*

This lordship has been united to that of *Burnel's*, and is now in the Earl of *Orford*.

The Earl *Warren* had at the survey 10 acres and half a carucate, which four socmen held of *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury*, in King *Edward's* reign as a lay fee:<sup>6</sup> this stands under the hundred of *Tunstede*, and not in *Happing*, (as *Ralph Baynard's* is,) and was valued with the Earl's manor of *Coltesham* in *South Erpingham* hundred.

In this family it continued till the last Earl *Warren*, who died s. p.

It was afterwards granted to the Earl of *Lancaster*, and so to King *Henry IV.* and the Crown.

The abbot of *St. Bennet* had a carucate and 60 acres valued in *Scotow*;<sup>7</sup> it appears that *Stephen de Redham* held lands here, and in *Scotow*, in the 33d of King *John*, paying 50s. per ann. and 50 combs of barley: this tenure is also placed in the hundred of *Tunstede*.

*Roger of Poitiers* had also 6 acres of land and one of meadow, of which a freeman was deprived; this was valued, and went with his lordship of *Tunstede*.<sup>8</sup>

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*; and was a rectory; *Jeffrey* and *Ralph Baynard*, about the reign of *William I.* gave the advowson to the priory of *Lewes*: *Sir Fulk Baynard*, son of *Sir Robert*, confirmed it; and the prior, in the 25th of *Edward III.* granted it to King *Edward III.* who settled it on the dean and canons of *Windsor*, on his foundation thereof. The Register of *Castleacre* says, that the advowson of this church, with those of *Fishlake*, and *Sundale Magna*, in *Yorkshire*; *Whaddon*, and *Caxton*, in *Cambridgeshire*, were granted by the prior,<sup>9</sup> to that King, that the priory of *Lewes* might be made an *Indigena*, as by letters patents, May 20, A°. 47 of *Edward III.*

*William*, the second Earl *Warren*, is said to have granted his interest in the patronage of this church to *Lewes* priory; *Roger de Kerdeston*, and *William*, his son, the tithes of their lands; by an inquisition sans date, it was found that *Fabian*, late parson of *Ryston*, presented *Roland*, his son, to the vicarage of this church, by a grant from the prior, though *Robert Baynard* opposed it.

## RECTORS.

In 1270, *William de Lewknore* was rector.

1277, *Ralph de Fremingham*, instituted rector, presented by the prior of *Lewes*: at this time the rectory was valued at 55 marks, a manse and 60 acres belonged to it, and there was a vicarage valued at 12 marks. And before this, *Peter de Hay*, paying 3 marks, had by the gift of the prior this church, with a moiety of the chapel of *Ridlington*, for life, and in 1254, Mr. *John Pgrave* died rector.

<sup>6</sup> Tre' Will. de Warrenna—In Ristuna iiiii soc. Stigandi x ac. sep. dim. car. et c. in prio de Coleteshale, hoc. e. de escang. de Laqs.

<sup>7</sup> Tre. Sçi Benedicti de Holmo—In

Ristuna. iiiii soc. S. B. LX ac. sep. dim. car. in ptio de Scotow.

<sup>8</sup> Tre que fuer. Roger Pictavensis—In Ristuna, i lib. hq. vi ac. tre. et i ac. pti. in ead. ptio.

<sup>9</sup> Fol. 131.



1332, *William de Burstowe*, presented by the prior.

In 1351, the rectory was appropriated to the chapel of *St. George*, at *Windsor*, a pension of 20 marks *per ann.* being reserved for the vicar, with a manse, stable, and 3 acres of land, who was to find bread and wine; and the custos, and canons of *Windsor* to pay a pension of 4 marks *per ann.* and the vicar 2 marks *per ann.* to the Bishop of *Norwich*.

### VICARS.

1359, *John Rest*, vicar, presented by the custos, &c. of *Windsor*.

1366, *Andrew de Goldings*.

1386, *Thomas Nyman*.

1394, *Robert Stcle*.

1400, *William Buskin*.

1429, *Henry Pert*.

1431, *Francis Norwich*.

1440, *Thomas Depham*.

1457, *John Bukke*, alias *Bosse*.

1466, *John Eston*.

1500, *John Hunton*: he wills in 1516, to be buried in the chapel of our Lady, edified in the churchyard.

1516, *William Bukwell*.

1530, *Henry Barker*.

1591, *Robert Wood*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1592, *Robert Wood*, by the Queen.

1592, *John Haylet*, by the Queen.

In 1603, *Richard Burrage* was curate, and certified that there were 260 communicants, and then there was no vicar.

1605, *John Jenyson*, instituted vicar, presented by the King.

1623, *William Hamblyn*, by the dean of *Windsor*.

1661, *John Elwood*,

1710, *James Grey*, by the dean, &c.

*George Monk* died vicar, 1750, and *John Whiting*, was presented by the dean, &c.

1757, *Thomas Hewet*. Ditto.

Here were the guilds of the purification, and of the *Trinity*, the lights of our Lady, the *Trinity*, and *St. Ann*.

The tithes were 12*l.* 6*s.*—Deducted 4*l.*

The temporalities of *Windham* priory were 32*s.*—Of *Bromholm*, 9*s.* 4*d.*—The spiritualities of *Carhow* priory 10*s.*

The vicarage is valued at 11*l.* 11*s.* 10*d.* and pays first-fruits, &c. the dean, &c. of *Windsor* has the patronage.

## S T A L H A M.

THE abbot of St. Bennet at *Holm* had the principal lordship of this town in King *Edward's* time, and at the survey, when there was one carucate of land held by 2 villains and a borderer, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. 4 acres of meadow, one runcus, 6 swine; and one of the abbot's men held 29 acres of land of the abbot in King *Edward's* reign, and half a carucate and 2 acres of meadow; the King and the Earl had the soc, and 9 freemen held 75 acres and 2 carucates then; the abbot had only the commendation of them; the King and the Earl had the soc.<sup>1</sup>

The whole manor was valued at 20s. and what the freemen held 2s. It was one leuca and three furlongs in length, and 5 furlongs in breadth, and paid 17d. ob. gelt.

The family of *De Stalham* were, soon after the Conquest, enfeoffed of this lordship.

*William de Stalham* was found to hold of the abbot of St. Bennet, the 5th part of a fee of the old feofment here, and in *Beston*, in the 12th year of King *Henry II.*<sup>2</sup>

In the 34th of *Henry III.* Sir *Will. de Stalham*, son of *William*, released to the abbot all his right in the advowson of this church. *Nicholas*, abbot of St. Bennet, brought a writ of escheat, in the 11th of *Edward I.* against *William de Stalham*, for lands in *Irstede*, &c. ✓

Sir *Robert de Curzon*, dying s. p. Sir *William de Stalham*, father of this *William*, had entered on the lands of Sir *Robert*, though no relation, but the abbot finding by an old roll, that *Will.* son of *Ralph*, some time held the lands in *Stalham*, *Beston* and *Irstede*, by the 5th part of a fee; and, in another roll, that *William*, son of *William de Stalham*, and *Bartholomew, de Calthorp*, held the same, *Bartholomew* holding them in *Beston*, by the tenth part of a fee, and the said *William*, half the lands in *Beston*, and the lands in *Stalham*, and *Irstede* by the 10th part of a fee.

The abbot continued the same to *William*, who gave to the abbot 60 marks of silver, and 2 villains, and performed suit of court for the same; dated at St. Bennet's.

This *William de Stalham* married *Isabel*, daughter and heir of *Matthew de Gunton*. And in the 22d of that King, the abbot impleaded *Jeffrey Wythe* and *Isabel* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William de Stalham*, for the guardianship of *Joan, Alice*, and *Ellen*, her sisters and coheirs.

<sup>1</sup> Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Hulmo.—  
Stalham tenet sep. S'cs. B. i car. t're.  
sep. ii vill. et i bor. et i car. in d'nio.  
et i car. hom. silv. iii porc. iii ac. p'ti.  
i runc. vi porc. et i ho. xxix ac. tenens  
t'ra. sua' de S'co. Ben. T. R. E. sep. dim.  
car. ii ac. p'ti. R. et C. soca, et ix libi.

ho'es. lxxv ac. tc. ii car. mo. i et dim.  
ex his habuit abb. com'd. tantu' et R. et  
C. soca' totu' man. val. sep. xx sol. et  
lib. ho'es. ii sol. et ht. i leu. et iii qr. in  
lon. et v qr. in lat. et xviid. et ob. de g.

<sup>2</sup> Lib. Rub. S'cij.

In the 20th of *Edw. III. Oliver de Wythe*, and *John*, son of *Robert de Ingham*, held this lordship of the abbot, by the 4th part of a fee: *Robert* probably married also one of the aforesaid daughters and coheirs; and in the 3d of *Henry IV.* the prior of *Ingham*, *John Colvile*, and *Richard de Stalham*, are said to hold the said fee.

In 1285, it appears that the abbot and convent had a pound of incense yearly, and 2 garbs or 2 parts of the tithes of the ancient demesns of *William de Stalham*.<sup>3</sup>

In an extent of the revenues of the see of *Norwich*, after the death of Bishop *Ruggs*, among the rents of several towns, mention is made of the rents belonging to the see in *Stalham*, on the exchange of the lands belonging to the abbey of *Holm*, made with Bishop *Rugg* and *Henry VIII.* No doubt the interest and lands in this town, that belonged to that abbey, were granted to that Bishop, and alienated after by him to Sir *William Woodhouse*, as is said.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a lordship of which eleven freemen were deprived, who held 100 acres of land and 2 carucates of meadow, and the moiety of the soc, under commendation only, and the King was possessed of the other moiety of it; *Alan* had also 15 acres of land here, of which 2 freemen were deprived, of whom *Edric* had the commendation, with the moiety of the soc, and the King and the Earl the other moiety; valued (with the manor of *Ingham*, &c.) at 100s. and at the survey at 6l.<sup>4</sup>

*Robert Malet* laid claim to these 2 manors, which *Edric* his predecessor had only in King *Edward's* time, the commendation, and says that his father was seized of them, and *Roger Bigot* witnesses the same; and they were 2 leucas and an half long and 12 perches, and one leuca and 10 perches broad, and paid 15d. gelt.

The family of *de Ingham* held this lordship and that of *Ingham*, in the reign of *Richard I.* from whom it came to the *Stapletons*; part of it seems to be given to the priory of *Ingham*; and in the 3d of *Henry IV.* the prior of *Ingham*, was returned to have a lordship here, and part of it came from the *Stapletons* to the *Calthorps*, and was sold by them in the 26th of *Henry VIII.* to *Thomas Woodhouse*, Esq. of *Waxham*, was afterwards in Sir *William Woodhouse*, and Sir *Henry* his son was lord in 1575.

*Roger Bigot* had also at the survey a lordship with 60 acres of land, and a carucate and a half, and 3 acres of meadow, of which 9 freemen, who were only under commendation of *Edric*, were deprived, who had half the soc, and the King and the Earl the other half, also 15 acres of which a freeman was deprived; to this belonged many privileges.<sup>5</sup>

Several persons had an interest herein; *Richard le Butler* and

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Hulm. fol. 131.

<sup>4</sup> Terre Alani Comitis.—In *Stalham* xi libi. ho'es. c. ac. t're. com'datione tantu' et dim. soca et rex alia' medietate' soche. tnc. ii car. mo. i et ii ac. p'ti.—In *Stalha'* ii libi ho'es. xv ac. t're. de qulb; habuit *Edric* com'd. et dimid. soca. et Rex. et Comes alia' medietate' tnc. et p. val. c. sol. mo. vi lib. et tenet ide. hec. duo maneria calupniatr. Robt. Malet qd. *Edric* suus antecessor habuit com'datione tantu T. R. E. illor. qui

tenebant et dicit qd. pater suus ex eis seisit. fuit et hoc testatr. Rog. Bigot. et ht. hoc. man. ii leu. et dim. in loi.go. et xii pc. et in lato i leu. et x perc. et xvd. de gelt.

<sup>5</sup> Terra Rogeri Bigoti.—In *Stalham* de ix lib. ho'es. com'datione *Edrici* tantu. et dimidia soca Rex. et Comes alia' medietate' et ht. lx ac. t're. et i car. et dim. et iii ac. p'ti.—In *Stalham* i lib. ho. xv ac. hoc. tenet ide.

*Nicholas de Stalham*, in the 24th of *Henry III.* divided by fine this inheritance, here and in *Wykmere*; *Nicholas* had *Stalham*, and *Richard Wykmere*, who dying soon after, *s. p.* *Nicholas* enjoyed the whole.

In the 37th of *Henry III.* *Geffrey de Turgijs* and *Julian* his wife, with *Simon de Boleync*, released to *Jeffrey de Bourdevile*, 2 parts of a manor, and 2 knights fees here and in *Brunstede*, which were to descend to them from *Robert Malet*, uncle of *Julian*, and cousin of *Simon*; the 3d part of the same belonging to *Jeffrey de Bourdevile*, from *Robert Malet* his uncle; and *Petronilla*, widow of *Robert*, held the same in dower.

This afterwards came to *Rob. Rose* and *Petronilla* his wife, and *Jeffrey Wyndless* of *Chickering*; and *Henry Rose* was returned as lord in the 9th of *Edward II.*

*Sir William de Stalham* had an interest here in the 17th of *Edward I.* and sealed with an estoil of eight points.

*Roger Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*, in the 22d of that King, claimed the guardianship of the daughters and coheirs of this *William*.

In the 14th of *Edward III.* *John*, son of *Robert de Ingham*, had an interest here and in *Brunstede*; and in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Jeffrey Wythe* was returned to be lord, as marrying *Isabel*, a daughter and coheir of *Sir William de Stalham*.

*Edmund de Clipesby* was lord, and *John Clipsby*, Esq. his son, released all his right to the same, and lands here to *John Derby*, Esq. in the 2d of *Henry V.* and *John Linford*, by his testament, dated August 2, 1456, gives his body to be buried in this church; appoints *Sibilla* his wife, and *John Stokewyke*, of *Somerton*, his executors: gives certain lands and tenements, to *Sibill*, in this town, *Ingham*, and *Hickling*, for life, and mentions *Margaret* his late wife.

This afterwards was part of the possessions of the college of *Herby* in *Norfolk*; and on April, 13, in 36th of *Henry VIII.* the manors of *Stalham Hall*, *Linford*, and *Wild's*, were granted by that King to *Sir William Woodhouse*, being given by *Hugh Attefenn's* will, in 1475, to that college, the founder of it, with 10*l.* per ann.

In 1750, *Mrs. Delf* of *Norwich*, had the manor of *Linford* and *Wild's* for life, remainder to *Capt. Delf*.

The tenths were 9*l.* Deducted 15*s.*

The temporalities of the priory of *Campesey* in *Suffolk* were 15*s.*; of *Bromholm*, 4*s.*; of *Holm*, 7*d.*

## RECTORS.

The church is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and was a rectory, in the patronage of the abbot of *Holm*.

*Mr. Peter de Acres* occurs rector in 1247.

*Opizo de Castellis*, Decret. Dr. rector: he complained, That whereas he had been rector of this church for 20 years; and received the profits, the abbot and convent of *Holm* feigning him to be dead, had presented to the Bishop, *Alan*, son of *Gilbert de Thornton*, and afterwards, in 1290, feigning him dead, presented twice; first, *Mr. Bartholomew de Benevile*, and secondly *Mr. William de Luda*, to the great damage of the said *Opizo*, in 500 marks, *Alan* receiving the profits of one year, to the value of 60*l.* sterling.

On this the abbot was summoned to appear personally at *Rome*, to make answer.

1302, *John de Ferentino*, presented by the abbot. The rector had then a manse with 20 acres, valued at 35 marks; the abbot had a portion of tithe valued at one mark. Peter-pence were 14d.

1332, Mr. *Thomas Falstoff*, by the abbot.

1349, *Richard de Thoresby*, by the King, in the vacancy of the abbot, he was prebendary of *Langley*, in the church of *St. David's*.

1251, *Richard de Mores*, by the master, &c. of *Trinity Hall* in *Cambridge*.

1352, *Roger de Holere*. Ditto.

1352, Mr. *Robert de Stratton*.

### VICARS.

1352, *Robert Burewode* to the vicarage: the rectory was appropriated to *Trinity Hall*, on *November 10*, this year, for 10*l. per ann.* being settled on the vicar, which was taxed at 5*l.* and to be in the patronage of that hall; and the rectory was valued at 27 marks and an half, and the Bishop was to have a pension of 20*s. per ann.* the vicar was also to have an agreeable dwelling; the hall was to present two persons to the vicarage, and the Bishop to choose one.

1355, *Simon Attiebrig*, presented to the vicarage, &c. by that Hall.

1366, *John Styward*.

1388, *John Harpele*.

1399, *William Howlet*.

1402, *William Coopere*.

1440, *William West*.

*William Burton*.

1451, *John Walters*.

1460, *John Phelip*.

1462, *Richard Frankceys*.

1482, *Thomas Herte*.

1497, *John Frampton*.

1505, *Ralph Bockyng*.

1531, *John Kelsale*.

*Robert Some*.

1592, *John Riches*, presented by *Richard Bayspoll*, Gent. in 1603, he certified that there were 180 communicants, and that *John Cobbs*, Gent. was then patron.

1624, *Robert Gill*, by the Bishop.

1630, *Daniel Clayton*, by *Matthew Matchet*, *James Calthorp*, &c.

1640, *Henry Dickenson*, by the Bishop.

*Edmund Shilling*, vicar.

1681, *Andrew Threxton*, by *John Riches*, Gent.

The vicarage valued at 5*l.* and discharged.

1712, Reverend Mr. *Rich. Aiam*, by *Catherine Smith*, widow. }

1790, *Timothy Jones*, by *Edward Browne*, Esq.

1736, *James Tayler*, by *Anthony Brown*, Esq.

1738, *William Lubbock*, by *Anthony Brown*, Esq.

1742, *Richard Chase*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1745, *William Adams*, by the Earl of *Orford*.

Here were the guilds of St. *Mary* and St. *John Baptist*.

In the chancel on gravestones,

*P. M. Johs. Riches generosi, qui ob. 1 Apr. 1688, atat. 69.*

*Hic jacet Will. Riches, gen. ob. 30 Oct. 1624, atat. 54.*

One

*In memory of Samuel Puckle, Esq. late mayor of Norwich, who died August 22, 1661, atat. 73.*

*In memory of Margaret, late wife of Mr. Mart. Puckle of Norwich, merchant, daughter and heir of John Riches, gent. who died August 19, 1678.*

On the south side of the chancel a mural monument.

*Here lyes the body of Katherine, one of the daughters of Thomas Castell of Raveningham in Norfolk, who first married John Riches of this town, gent. and afterwards the Revd. William Smith D.D. one of the prebendaries of the cathedral church of Norwich, and was his widow, she departed, &c. May 26. 1718, aged 78; and these arms, Castell impaled between Riches and Smith.*

Against the north wall on an altar tomb,

*Here lyeth John Riches, clerk, vicar of Stalham, and rector of Brunstede, aged 82, and died January 4, 1624.*

In the cross isle a gravestone for

*Elizabeth Burton, relict of William Burton, clerk, who gave to this town 5l. 13s. 4d. per ann. for ever, and died January 6, 1682, aged 59,*

*In memory of William Burton, gent. late alderman of Yarmouth, who died July 19, 1686, aged 39.*

In the middle isle

*Hic jacet sepulta Blitha Copeman, uxor amantissima Rici. Copeman, armigi, quæ obt. 15 Junii, 1654.*

*Redit ad requiem pia anima Rici. Copeman, armigi. 13 Aug. 1656.*

The arms, two bars, and a bend over all.

*Robert Stoteville, chaplain, buried here in 1481, and gives to Trinity guild of Ingham, Gl.*

*Sir Reginald le Gross gave, in Henry the Third's time, several lands to this church, about 1247.*

There is a monument on a pillar in the middle isle, with these arms, *gules, three dexter hands, coupé, in a triangle, argent, Puckle.*

## SUTTON

WAS a very considerable large manor, and extended itself into many towns. *Edric de Laxfield* possessed it in the reign of the Conqueror, but the Conqueror gave it to *Rog. Bigot*, who was lord of it at the survey; in *Edric's* time there were 3 carucates and an half of land, belonging to it, 6 villains and 17 borderers, with 2 carucates in demean, 3 among the tenants, paunage for 60 swine, 39 acres of meadow, half a salt pit and 2 runci, 23 breeding mares, 12 cows, &c. 180 sheep, and 4 skeps of bees, two socmen also had 12 acres and an half, and there was a church endowed with 10 acres, and the King and the Earl of Norfolk had the soc.<sup>6</sup>

*Edric* appears to have enjoyed many lordships in this neighbourhood, in the reign of King *Edward I.* that he was a *Dane* by extraction is probable, and perhaps bore some relation to that remarkable *Edric*, the traitor to King *Edmund Ironside*, of whom all history makes mention.

One thing is remarkable of *Edric*, the lord here; that he had, after the custom of the Normans, assumed his name from a town, probably *Laxfield* in *Suffolk*, a practice begun in the days of King *Edward*, and after the conquest generally followed.

*Agnes*, widow of *Warine de Monte-Canisio*, or Lord *Montchensy*, held it in dower, of *Roger Bigot* Earl of Norfolk, in the 30th of *Henry II.* valued at 16*l.* per ann. and in the 20th of *Henry III.* *Warine de Montchensy* held it by one fee; in the said year, *Richard de Wendover* Bishop of *Rochester*, *Sir Robert de Lexington*, *William de York*, *William de Culeworth*, and *Henry de Bath*, the King's justices, were witnesses to the release of the advowson of the church of *Swanscomb*, in *Kent*, (the head of the barony of *Montchensy*,) to this lord, from the prior of *Southwark*, on the payment of 5 marks pension per ann.

In the 20th of *Edward I.* *Sir Hugh de Veer* and *Dionysia* his wife, daughter and heir of *William* Lord *Montchensy*, claimed the assize of bread, &c. view of frank pledge, a tumbrell, &c. and in the 34th of that King, one part of 500 acres of waste and marsh ground here, in *Catfield*, *Ludham*, and *Heigham Potter*, were assigned to them, and 2 parts to the abbot of *Holm*, as lords of those towns. *Adomarc de Valentia* Earl of *Pembroke*, was lord in the 9th of *Edward II.* and died in the 17th of that King, and was then found to hold it of the Earl of Norfolk.

After this it descended to the *Hastings* Earls of *Pembroke*, and in the 41st of *Edward III.* *Juliana* Countess of *Huntingdon*, late wife of

<sup>6</sup> Terre Rogeri Bigoti—Suttona. ten. Edric. de Laxefeldat T. R. E. iii car. t're. et dim. semp. vi vill et xvii bor. et ii car. in d'no. et iii car. hom. silva lx por. xxviii ac. p'ti. dim. salin. et ii

r. tnc. xxiii eque silvaticæ mo. vii tnc. xii an. mo. xxii tc. ix por. mo. xxiii tnc. clxxx ovs. mo. cc. et iii vasa apu' et ii soc. xii ac. et dim. i ecclia et x ac.—Rex et Com. soca.

*John Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke*, died possessed of it; and in the 49th of that King, *John Hastings* Earl of *Pembroke* dying beyond sea, *Ann* his wife, daughter and heir of *Sir Walter de Manny*, held it in dower, valued at 21*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.* per ann.

From the *Hastings* it came to the *Greys*, Lords of *Ruthin*, and in the 21st of *Richard II.* *Richard* Earl of *Arundel*, and *Philippa* his wife, were found to be lords: the said *Philippa* was widow of *John Hastings* (the last of that family) Earl of *Pembroke*, and held it in dower; and on her decease, *Reginald* Lord *Grey of Ruthyn* enjoyed it, together with *Brumsted*, and valued at 50*l.* per ann. but in the 14th of *Henry IV.* *Joan*, widow of *William Beauchamp* Lord *Abergavenny* possessed it, and it descended to *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of *Richard* Earl of *Worcester*, son of *Will.* who was married to *Edward Nevill*, fourth son of *Ralph Nevill* Earl of *Westmoreland*, and *Edward Nevill* Lord *Abergavenny* presented to the church in 1436; in this family it still continues: see in *Bergh-Apton*, in *Loddon* hundred.

In the 35th of *Henry VIII.* *Thomas Aloverde* was found to hold the manor of *Osmond's* in *Sutton*, 100 acres of land, &c. of the Duke of *Norfolk*, and left two daughters and coheirs, *Margaret*, and *Anna*, the wife of *Richard Holditch*, Esq.

The tenths were 3*l.* 8*s.*—Deducted 8*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Michael*, consists of two isles, a square tower, with three bells, and a south porch, with a room over it, and is a rectory.

In the reign of King *Edward I.* *William* Lord *de Montchensy* was patron, when it was valued at 10 marks, the rector had a manse with 12 acres of land, *Peter-pence* 12*d.* and the abbot of *St. Peter de Dyna* had a portion of 13*s.* 4*d.* paid by the rector. In the 10th of *Richard I.* the sheriff of *Norfolk* certified that he had taken possession of the advowsons of this church, and of *Brunsted*, with the moiety of *Catfield* church, for the King, which *William de Monchensy* claimed against the abbot of *St. Peter*, sup. *dinam*, and that abbot quit-claimed to *William de Montchensy*, and his heirs, all his right in the said advowsons, on a grant of 40*s.* per ann. to be paid by the rectors of the said churches, A°. 12 of *Richard I.* &c. The present valor is 6*l.* 16*s.* 8*d.* and is discharged.

## RECTORS.

*John Hasting* occurs rector, A°. 10 *Richard I.* &c.

1300, *John de Haverhill*, instituted, presented by *Sir Hugh de Vect.*

1304, *Jeff. de Brundeleis.*

1312, *Martin de Pakenham.*

1343, *Edmund de Clynton*, by *William de Clynton* Earl of *Huntyngdon.*

1346, *William de Draicote.*

1354, *Robert Filcot*, by *Juliana Hastyngs*, Countess of *Huntyngdon.*

1361, *John Russel.*

*William Honey*, rector.

1377, *Roger Cubulf*, by the King, guardian of the heir of the Earl of *Pembroke.*

1391, *John Clerk.* Ditto.



1391, *Henry Atte Milne*, by the King.

1408, *Edmund Berry*, by Sir *William Beauchamp*.

In 1431, *William Jekington*, L.L.B. was rector.

1436, *Godfrey Burgh* by *Edward Nevill Lord Bergavenny*.

1439, *William Dallon*.

*John Ceton*, rector.

1443, *William Lovel*.

1454, *Robert King*.

1489, *Robert D'Engayn*, by *George Lord Bergavenny*.

1504, *John Heydon*.

1520, *Thomas Percioal*, by *Lord Bergavenny*.

1530, *George Maxwell*.

1533, *Jeff. Kingsman*, by Sir *George Nevill*.

1538, *John Saunders*, by the King, as guardian to the *Lord Abergavenny*.

1559, *John Ryvers*, by the Bishop's vicar general, *hac vice*.

1586, *John Jones*, by *Edmund Nevill Lord Abergavenny*.

In 1603, communicants 86.

1617, *Thomas Heath*, A.M. by *Thomas Dod*, and *John Butcher*.

1625, *Bertram Doyley*, A.M. by *Edward Doyley*, by a grant of the *Lord Abergavenny*.

1640, *Edward Green*, by the 'chancellor, &c. of the University of *Cambridge*.

1671, *Robert Lord*, A.M. by *Mary Lady Abergavenny*.

1729, *John Gardener*, by *Lord Abergavenny*, on *Berefd. Baker's* resignation.

1732, *Thomas Williams*. Ditto.

In the chancel a gravestone

*In memory of Mary, daughter of Robert Lord, rector of Sutton, and Hester his wife, who died 1683. Orate pro a'ia Roberti King. quo'd. rector' hujus eccles. qui obt. 25, Feb. 1485.*

One

*In memory of Mary, late wife of Edward Doyley, Esq; who died October 4, 1649.*

In the church were the arms of *Nevill Lord Abergavenny*, *gules*, on a saltire, *argent*, a rose of the first; also *Nevill*, quartering the *Earl Warren* and *Surry*, in the 2d quarter;—in the 3d quarter, the *Earl of Clare*, and *Spencer Earl of Gloucester*, quarterly;—in the 4th quarter, *gules*, a fess between six cross crozlets, or.---*Beauchamp*, in the chancel east window.

Here were the guilds of *St Michael* and *Corpus Christi*.

Lights of the *Trinity*, *Crucifix*, *St. Nicholas*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Michael*.

## WALCOTE.

**RALPH**, brother of *Ilger*, had a grant of this town, on the deprivation of *Edric*, a thane, or one of the lords of the Confessor, and *Humphrey* held it at the survey of *Ralph*, when there belonged to it 4 carucates, and 6 acres of land, 8 villains, and 16 borderers, with 3 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, with 8 acres of meadow, one mill, 3 cows, &c. 4 swine, &c. 80 sheep, &c. and 4 skeps of bees; a church endowed with 20 acres, valued at 20*d.* and 7 freemen, with the moiety of another who were only under commendation, had 70 acres, and 2 carucates, &c. there were also 4 freemen added to this lordship, in the Conqueror's time by *Ralph*, and *Humphrey* had them; they held 90 acres, formerly 3 carucates, and now 2 and an half valued at 15*s.* of two of these his predecessor had only the commendation, and the predecessor of *Robert Malet* the commendation of one, the King and the Earl had the soc, valued then at 40*s.* at the survey at 60*s.* and it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 15*d.* gelt, whoever was lord.<sup>7</sup>

This *Ralph* had also a grant of *Edesfeld* and *Stody*, in *Holt* hundred;—of *Erpingham*, in *South Erpingham* hundred;—of *Honing* in *Tunstede* hundred, with *Ridlington*.

## EAST HALL.

*Humphrey*, who held it of *Ralph*, at the survey, was nephew, or a near relation to *Ralph*, who enfeoffed him of this and other lordships, and assumed his name from the town of *Edesfeld*, or *Edgefield*, of which he was also lord.

*William de Edesfeld*, and his mother *Maud de Walcote*, by deed, sans date,<sup>8</sup> granted to the monks of *Bramholm*, two parts of the tithe of his demesns here, and confirmed the gifts of *Peter* his father, and *Humphrey* his grandfather, to that priory which *Humphrey* was probably the lord above mentioned. *William de Edesfeld* was living, and lord, in the reign of *Henry II.* *Peter de Edesfeld*, by *Hawise* his wife, had a daughter and heir, *Letitia*, married to *Sir William de Rosceline*, and brought it into that family, as may be seen at large in *Edgfield*, in *Holt* hundred.

<sup>7</sup> Terra Ranulfi fratris Ilgeri—Walcota ten. Hunfrid. qua. ten. Edric. tegnus, T. R. E. iiii car. tre. et vi ac. sep. viii vill. et xvi bor. tc. et p' ii car. in d'nio mo. iii sep. ii car. ho'um viii ac. pti. et i mol. mo. ii r. te. iii an. mo. xvi tnc. iiii por. mo. xliiii tc. lxxx ov. ma. lxx. et iiii vasa apu'. i ecclia xx ac. et val. xxd. et viii lib. hoes et dim. comd. tantu' lxx ac. tenet ide. tc. et p' ii car. mo. ii et dim. et iiii lib. ho'es

ten. ide'. qui s't additi huic manerio T. R. W. xc ac. quos addit Ran. fr. Ilgeri et Humfrid. eqs tenet. tc. iii car. mo. ii et dim. et val. xv sol. de duob; habuit suus antec. comd. tantu' et antec. Rob. Malet, de uno similit. Rex et Comes soca'. tc. val. xl sol. mo. x et ht i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xvd. de g. q'icq; ibi teneat.

<sup>8</sup> Reg. Bronh. fol. 39.

In the 51st of *Edward I.* the lete was in the Aug, and the lord paid 2s. *per ann.* for it. *Peter de Rosceline*, in 14th of *Edward I.* claimed wreck at sea, frank pledge, &c. he and *Mabel* his wife, living in the 9th of *Edward II.* Sir *Thomas* his son, inherited it, and dying s. p. his six sisters and coheirs inherited it, as in *Edgfield*; *Joan*, the fourth sister and coheir, married *John Lord Willoughby of Eresby*, who purchasing their rights herein, died seized of it, held of the manor of *Horseford*.

On the death of *William Lord Willoughby*, in the 18th of *Hen. VIII.* it descended to his daughter and sole heir, *Catharine*, who married *Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk*; she survived him and having no issue by him, remarried *Richard Bertue, Esq.* by whom she had a son, *Peregrine Lord Willoughby of Eresby*.

After this it came to the *Woodhouses*, and Sir *Henry Woodhouse* was lord of this manor, called *East Hall*, and that of *West-Hall*, in this town, in the 18th of *Elizabeth*, and sold the demean and copyhold lands to the tenants.

This lordship is now in the Earl of *Orford*.

#### WEST HALL.

About the reign of *Henry III.* this town seems to have been held by two different lords; and divided into *East Hall*, and *West Hall*. In the 24th of *Henry III.* Sir *Jeffrey Tregoz*, Sir *And. de Hengham*, Sir *Thomas Bacon*, and Sir *Adam de Tyoteshale*, with *Roger de Thurkelby*, and *Letitia* his wife, were petents in a fine, and *Thomas de Walcote*, deforciant, of the advowson of this church, who was lord of this moiety, and living in the 34th of that King, and in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Alexander de Walcot* was lord and presented to this church in 1302, and this lordship was settled with 120, acres of land, 15s. rent, &c. on *Alexander* and *Maud*, in the 9th of *Edward II.* and on *Cecilia, Elizabeth, Mariota*, and *Margaret* his daughters.

In the 13th of *Edward III.* *Alexander de Walcot* conveyed his right herein to Sir *Walter de Walcote*, who was lord in the 20th of *Edward III.* and died in the 29th of that King, leaving three daughters and coheirs, (as in *Snoring Parva*,) who conveyed their right to *Robert Herward, Esq.* and *Margaret*, widow of *John Elys*, in the 6th of *Richard II.* and in the 6th of *Henry IV.* *Thomas D'Engain, Esq.* and *Margaret* his wife, passed it to the Lord *Willoughby*, and so was united with that of *East Hall*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*, and in the reign of *Edward I.* valued at 20 marks, and the rector is then said to have most beautiful edifices, and many acres of land: the prior of *Bromholm* had a pension of 20s. *Peter-pence* 20s.

#### RECTORS.

In 1302, *Hugh de Walcot*, instituted, presented by *Alexander de Walcote*.

1329, *John de Walcote*. Ditto.

1347, *Symon de Walcote*, by *Thomas de Walcote*, rector of *Felbrigg*.

1383, *Walter de Feundenhale*, by *John Plays*.

1389, *Mr. John Deen*, by *Sir Roger Boys*.

1400, *William de Sheffield*, by the prior of *Ingham*, alienated to him, by *Thomas Moor*, in the 16th of *Richard II.* as in *Ingham*, and after appropriated thereto.

1402, *Ralph de Middleton*. Ditto.

1403, *Warin Jeffrey*, vicar, presented by the prior.

1409, *Robert Pays*.

1414, *Alan Smith*.

1416, *John Reve*.

1422, *Roger Maggys*.

1424, *John Avelyn*.

1447, *John Straget*.

1450, *William Dancastre*.

1457, *William Langton*.

1460, *And. Smalbergh*.

1477, *Robert Calow*.

1487, *Sim. Sheringham*.

*Nicholas Crow*.

In 1555, *Robert Constable*, curate.

1591, *John Bird*, vicar, by the Bishop.

*William Hembling*, occurs curate in 1618; and before this in 1603, *Thomas Canon*, who certified that there were 110 communicants.

This rectory impropriate was granted (as I take it) with *Ingham* priory, to *Sir William Woodhouse*, by *King Henry VIII.* who exchanged it with *Bishop Rugg*, with the said priory, for *Hickling* priory, &c. and this impropriated rectory remains in the see of *Norwich*, and is served by a stipendiary curate, nominated by the Bishop. In the chancel,

*Hoc in busto mortalitatis suæ exuvias spe resurrectionis lætæ, latus deponit Joh. Collings, S.T.P. qui Borsteda, in agro Essexiensi natus, Oxon. in colleg. Lincoln. educatus, Norwici S. Ministerio, 44 annis functus, illic et educatus. Gregem, concives omnesq; pietatem vere amantes, summo in luctu reliquit. Gregis sui pastor vigilantissimus, peritatis pugil, errorum malleus, Theologiam sanam, morum integritate illustravit, eruditionem multiplicem vitæ simplicitate ornavit, humili; et humanitatis exemplar, non vulgare. Benevolentia, et beneficentia, nulli secundus, qui cum verum Dei ministerium, p. famam et infamiam, illam merendo, hanc ferendo se diu approbaverat tandem secutum hoc tanto hospite indignum deseruit, cælumq; ubi diu antea versatus est lubens immigravit, xv calend. Febr. A°, salutis 1690, atat. 67.*

In the church were the arms of *Calthorp*.—Also *Felbrigg*; and *ermin*, a maunch, *gules*, *argent*, on a fess ingrailed, between three escallops, *argent*—and *ermin*, on a fess *gules*, three escallops, *argent*;—gyrony of ten, or and *gules*.

*Thomas*, son of *Walter de Walcot*, confirmed by deed sans date, the deed of the land, which *Peter*, parson of this church, gave to his successors;—witnesses, Master *Walter de Sudfeld*, *Sir Adam*, parson of *Worsted*, *Mr. Peter la War*, dean of *Wartonesham*, &c.

In the church was the altar of *St. Mary*.

The tenths were 6*l.*—Deducted 2*l.*

The temporalities of *Bromholm*, 17s. 4d. ob.

Besides the lordships abovementioned, *Ralph*, brother of *Algar*, had invaded, or seized on the property of 3 freemen, who had 90 acres, and 3 carucates, valued at 20s. *per ann.*;<sup>9</sup> this was also held by *Humphrey*, and added to his manor aforesaid.

## W A X H A M.

**A**LAN Earl of *Richmond* had the principal part of this town at the survey: two freemen, one of whom belonged to *Edric*, the other to *St. Bennet's* abbey, were deprived of 161 acres, and had 19 borderers, and 2 carucates and an half, and 18 acres of meadow.

The said Earl also possessed 80 acres of land, of which the said *Edric*, a freeman, was deprived, with 12 borderers, and a carucate in demean, one among the tenants, and 6 acres of meadow, 6 swine, 2 cows, and 100 sheep belonged to it, valued at 10s.

There was also a church endowed with 18 acres, valued at 18d. *Edric* added to it 2 women of *St. Bennet's* abbey, in the time of *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*, with 5 acres and an half, valued at 6d. and 8 freemen, under protection only, had 80 acres of land and 2 carucates of meadow, valued, at 5s.

*Edric* had the whole at the time when Earl *Ralf* forfeited; the King and the Earl had the soc.<sup>7</sup>

There were formerly two towns of this name, one called *Waxham Magna* or *Waxham St. John's*, and *Waxham Parva*, or *Waxham St. Margaret*; great part of both these made up Earl *Alan's* manor, of which the ancient and noble family of *Inghams* were soon after the conquest enfeoffed.

*Oliver de Ingham* was lord of it in 1183, (when the third part of his great tithes belonging to it was confirmed to the monks of *St. Bennet*;) as was Sir *John de Ingham* in the reign of King *John*.

From this family it came by marriage to Sir *Miles Stapleton*, and from that family, by marriage, to Sir *William Calthorpe*, whose grandson, *William Calthorpe*, Esq. sold it to Sir *Thomas Woodhouse*, and Sir *William* his brother succeeded him, and left it Sir *Henry Wood-*

<sup>9</sup> Invasiones.—In *Walceta* iii lib. ho'es xc ac. tc. iii car. mo. ii et dim. val. xx sol.

<sup>7</sup> Terre Alani Comitis.—In *Wacstancet* ii lib. ho'es. un' fuit ho. *Edrici* et altr. ho. *Ed. S'ti. Bened.* elxi ac. semp. xlii bord. et ii car. et dim. et xviii ac. p'ti.—In *Wacstancet* liiii ac. terre ten. ide' *Edric.* lib. hq. semp. xii bord. et i car. in d'nio. tnc. et p. i

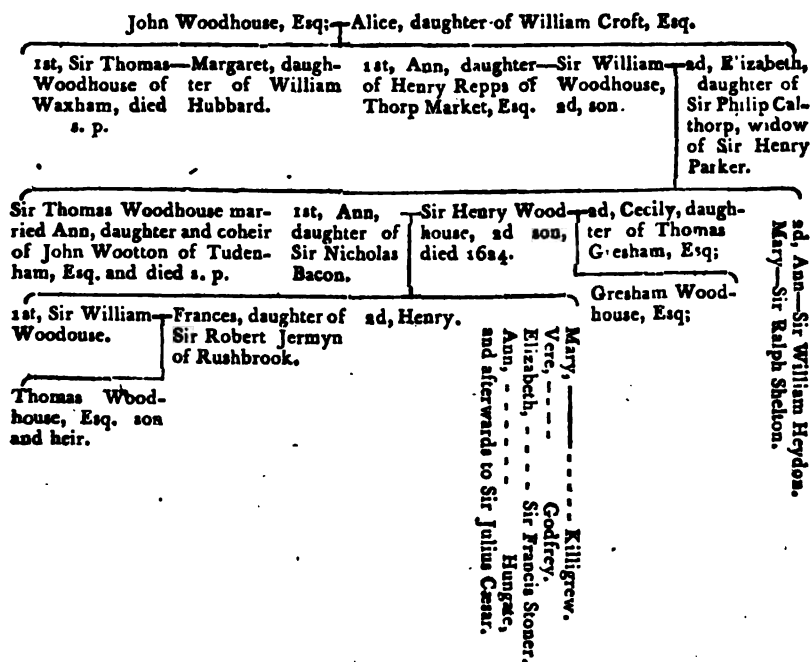
car. hom. mo. dim. et vi ac. p'ti. et vi por. et ii anim. et c ov. sep. val. x sol. i ecclia xviii ac. et val. xviiiid. huic additi *Edric.* ii soc. *S'ti. Benedicti* T. R. Comitis et ht. iii ac. et dim. et val. viid. et viii libi. ho'es. comd. tantu' lxxx ac. t're. tc. et p. ii car. mo. i car. et dim. et iii ac. p'ti. et val. v sol. hoc. totu' tenebat *Edric.* q'a'o. Rad. furesfecit, Rex et Comes soca.

house, who was lord in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, and of the manor of *Ingham*, as may be seen there at large.

This family of the *Woodhouses* is a distinct family from that of *Kimbenley*, and bore, for their arms, quarterly, *azure*, and *ermin*, in the first quarter a leopard's head, *or*; which arms belong to the family of *Power*, and I find these *Woodhouses* to be formerly styled *Woodhouse*, *alias Power*.

*John Woodhouse* of *Waxham*, Esq. married *Alice*, daughter of *William Croft*, of *Whitton* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and was father of Sir *Thomas* and Sir *William Woodhouse*.

## WOODHOUSE'S PEDIGREE.



Sir *William*, son of Sir *William Woodhouse*, lived in the reign of King *James I.* and is said to have been the first person in *England* that erected and invented decoys for the taking of wild ducks.

In 1733, *Thomas Blofield* presented, as lord, to the churches of St. *John* and St. *Margaret* of *Waxham*.

The abbot of St. *Bennet* of *Holm*, was lord of a manor here at the survey, and in King *Edward's* reign, consisting of 2 carucates and 8 acres of land, with 3 borderers, one carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, 60 acres of meadow, &c. and 25 socmen and the moiety of one, had 160 acres, and 3 carucates and an half of meadow; 2 freemen under protection only, had 20 acres and a carucate; of these two the King and the Earl had the soc, and there was another, the soc of whom was in the abbey of St. *Bennet*.

The whole was valued at 4*l.* and what the freemen had at 34*d.* It was one leuca and an half and one furlong long, and one leuca broad the gelt was 30*d.*<sup>2</sup>

This lordship, which appears to have been a very considerable one was no doubt, at the dissolution of religious houses, in the said abbey, and granted with its other lordships, &c. on the exchange of lands between the King and the Bishop of *Norwich*, to that see.<sup>3</sup>

The manor of *Gelham Hall* in *Waxham* was leased to *Thomas Woodhouse*, Esq. in 1549, and valued at 7*l.* 7*d.* per ann.

It probably took this name from an ancient family, *De Gelham*, who might have held it of the abbots. Soon after the exchange, which was in 1535, Bishop *Rugg* seems to have leased it to *Thomas Woodhouse*, who had several large grants of lands, &c. belonging to the abbey of *St. Bennet*, &c. from the said King; and rents are mentioned payable out of *Waxham*, in an extent of the revenues of the see, made after Bishop *Rugg's* death, so that it is at this time held (by lease of the Bishop,) by *Berney Brograve*, Esq. who presents to the 2 churches.

There were (as I have observed) formerly two towns here, *Waxham Magna* and *Waxham Parva*.

The CHURCH of *Great Waxham* was a rectory, dedicated to *St. John*; the rector had a competent manse with land, was valued at 9 marks, paid *Peter-pence*, 2*s.* 8*d.* and *Oliver de Ingham* was patron in the reign of *Edward. I.*

#### RECTORS OF WAXHAM MAGNA.

In 1300, Mr. *John de Wyclewode* was instituted, presented by *Elizabeth*, relict of Sir *Oliver de Ingham*.

1316, *Walter de Abyam*, by the Lady *Mercy*, relict of Sir *John de Ingham*.

1328, *Drogo de Abyam*. Ditto.

1349, *John de Tutyngton*, by Lady *Elizabeth*, relict of Sir *Oliver Ingham*.

1360, *John de Baynton*, by Sir *Miles Stapilton*.

1368, *John Charman*, by Queen *Philippa*, guardian of the heir of Sir *Miles*.

1371, *Bartholomew Aubrey*. Ditto.

1373, *John Lincoln*. Ditto.

1384, *Thomas Russell*, by *Miles Stapleton*.

#### RECTORS OF WAXHAM PARVA.

The church of *Waxham Parva* was dedicated to *St. Margaret*. This church is said to be confirmed to the abbot of *Hulm*, by Pope

<sup>2</sup> Terra S'ci. Benedicti de Hulmo—  
Wactanesham ten. sep. S'cs. E. p. ii  
car. t're. et viii ac. sep. iii bor. et i car.  
in d'nio et dim. car. hom. lx ac. p'ti.  
ii runc. vi porc. viii ov. et xxv soc. et  
dim. clx ac. tc iii car. et dim. mo. iii  
xii ac. p'ti. et ii libi. ho'es com'd. tantu

xx ac. et i car. ex his ii h. rex et comes  
ht. soca' et de alio toto S'cs. Ben. totu  
semp. val. iiii lib. et libi. ho'es. xxxivd.  
et ht. i leu. et dim. et qr. in lon. et i leu.  
in lat. et xxxd. de gelt.

<sup>3</sup> Blomf. Hist. of Norf. vol. iii.

*Lucius*, in 1183, in which year *Thomas de Skerning* was instituted rector, also the 3d part of the great tithe of the demeans of *Oliver de Ingham*. In the reign of *Edward I.* there was a rectory, valued at 10s. and a manse with land, but appropriated, as said, to *Hickling* priory.

In 1326, *John Nuun* was instituted rector, presented by the Lady *Mercy*, relict, &c.

1334, *Thomas de Barnaby*, by Sir *Oliver de Ingham*.

1335, *Robert le Clerk*, by the attorney of Sir *Oliver*.

1349, *Ralph Burgeys*, by Lady *Elizabeth*, relict of Sir *Oliver*.

1349, *John Aylmer*. Ditto.

1349, *Nicholas de Ellerker*. Ditto.

1360, *Andrew Kynd*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1383, *Ad. Schene*, by Sir *Miles Stapleton*.

*Waxham* rectory paid 2s. rent to the Bishop.

1733, *Ralph Searjeant* was presented by *Thomas Blofield*, Esq.



## HOLT HUNDRED.

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**T**HIS hundred was in the Crown in the time of King *Edward*, and on the conquest the Conqueror was lord of it. In the 43d of *Henry III.* it was valued at 12*l.* *per ann.* and in the 14th of *Edward I.* *William de Gyselham* is said to hold it for the King.

*John de Clavering* held it by a grant of King *Edward I.* for life, and possessed it in the 9th of *Edward II.* being worth 10*l.* *per ann.* and in the 39th of *Edward III.* *Robert de Corby* had it.

In the reign of King *James I.* it was granted to Sir *Charles Cornwallis* during life, and to *Charles*, eldest son of Sir *William Cornwallis* and *Thomas*, 2d son of Sir *Charles*, &c. and the longest liver of them, with all its rights, courts, letes, felons goods, &c. paying 7*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.* *per ann.*

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## BATHELE OR BALE.

**T**HE chief lordship was in the Crown, as a beruite to the royal manor of *Fakenham*: in King *Edward's* reign a freeman held it under that King, with 2 carucates of land, 10 borderers, 2 servi, 2 carucates in demean, at the survey but one, and one carucate of the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow, and 2 socmen with 20 acres of land half a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 20*s.* and was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 6*d.* gelt.<sup>1</sup>

In the 9th of King *John*, *Otwic de Clipesthorp*, and *Agnes* his wife, conveyed all their lands, services, and customs of the inheritance of theirs, to *Robert Burnel*; and in the beginning of *Henry III.* the said *Robert* was found to be lord, being the King's demeans, and paying 10*l.* *per ann.* to *Fakenham* manor.

On the death of *Robert Burnel* his two daughters and coheirs inherited it.

<sup>1</sup> Terra Regis—Bathele, i lib. ho. p'ti et ii soc. de xx ac. t're. dim. car. i de ii car. t're. sep. x bor. tnc. ii ser. ac. p'ti. semp. val. xx sol. et hab. i leu. mo. null. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. mo. i sep. in long. et dim. in lat. et vid. et obolu. ho'um. i car. silva ad xxx por. iiii ac. in gelt.

## HENGHAM'S MANOR.

*Andrew de Hengham* had one moiety in right of *Amabilia* his wife, one of the said daughters and coheirs; and in 1250, *Henry de Hengham* had a charter of free warren here and in *Shropham*.

Sir *Roger de Frazino*, or *Atte Ashe*, died seized of it in the first of *Edward II.* as a member of *Fakenham* manor, performing suit of court there every 3 weeks, and by the service or payment of 100s. *per ann.* *Lucia*, his daughter and heir, married Sir *Robert Baynard*, son of *Robt. Baynard* of *Whetacre*, who was found to die seized of it in the 4th of *Ed. III.* with a capital messuage and lete; and in the 16th of the said King, Sir *Edmund de Thorp* was lord, in right of *Joan* his wife, sister and heir of *Thomas*, son of Sir *Robert Baynard*.

*Thomas Thorp*, Esq. a younger son of Sir *Edmund*, presented to the church of *Bathely*, as lord, in 1411; and *Amicia*, widow of *Robert Thorp*, in 1447;—united to *Noion's* manor.

## NUGUN'S, OR NOION'S MANOR.

*Joan*, daughter and coheir of *Robert Burnell*, married *Richard de Nugun*, who was lord in her right. On a division of the estate, Sir *Ralph*, his son, presented in right of this moiety to this church, in 1313, as did Sir *John de Noiun*, son of Sir *Ralph*, and *Alice* his wife, in 1339, by his attorney. Sir *William de Wichingham* presented in 1380, and *Robert Norwich*, and *John Lynsford*, in 1420.

*Ralph Noiun* had two daughters; *Helewise*, married to *John Norton*, and *Cecilia*, to *Ralph de Dalling*.

*Thomas Digby*, Gent. was lord and patron in 1572, and *Richard Godfrey* in the 35th of Queen *Elizabeth*. *R. Godfrey* of *Hindringham* was lord in the 8th of *James I.* and had the lete, the fee being 10s. and *Richard Hindringham* was lord in 1669; that *Godfrey* sold the estate from the manor.

*Isaac le Heup*, Esq. was lord and patron in 1740; and on his death it came to his 2 daughters and coheirs *Elizabeth* and *Mary*.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had also a little lordship, which a freeman of King *Harold* possessed, containing half a carucate of land, with one borderer, &c. valued at 3s. *per ann.*<sup>2</sup>

*Thomas*, son of *Gilbert de Hindringham*, in the 10th of *Edward I.* held in *Bathele*, *Brunham*, and *Sharnton*, the moiety of a fee, valued at 4 marks *per ann.* and paid 5s. castleward at *Richmond*.

Afterwards the *Wilbys* were lords of it. In the reign of *Henry IV.* *Thomas Wilby* had the manor of *Wilby's* in this town and *Field-Dalling*, in the 6th of *Henry VIII.* and *William* was found to be his son and heir; as in *Field-Dalling*.

The tenths were 2*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 6*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*. The old valor was 16 marks. *Peter-pence*, 6*d.* the present valor 10*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*

<sup>2</sup> Terre Alani Comitis—In Bathele, i bord. sep. dim. car. semp. val. iiii sol. lib. ho. de dim. car. t're. Haroldi et i et tenet idem.

The nave is covered with lead, the chancel with tiles, and has a square tower and 4 bells.

### RECTORS.

In 1303, *Vincent de Norton* instituted, presented by *Sir Ralph de Nugun, Knt.*

1323, *Henry de Wodenorton*, by *Sir Robert Baynard*.

1339, *Roger de Norton*, by *Sir John de Noiou's* attorney.

1354, *Edmund* or *Adam de Redgrave*.

1380, *William Clarke*, by *Sir William de Wichingham*.

1392, *Henry Sturdy*, by *Sir Edmund de Thorp, hac vice*.

1393, *John Austin*, by *Sir William de Wichingham, hac vice*.

1411, *John Gibbs*, by *Thomas Thorp, hac vice*.

1420, *Thomas Ludham*, by *Robert Norwich* and *John Lynford*.

*John Savage*, rector.

1447, *John Kenyng*, by *Amicia*, late wife of *Robert Thorp* of *Brockdish*.

*James Armestead* was rector; and *John Charter*, rector, succeeded him about 1600.

*William Cockram*, rector, compounded for first fruits in 1615.

*Robert Chapman*, rector, compounded in 1639.

*Thomas Simpson* occurs rector in 1743.

1750, *Samuel Alston*, by *William Alston*, clerk.

1758, *Cuthbt. Sewell*, by *Elizabeth Lloyd*, widow.

In this town was also a chapel dedicated to *St. Botolph*, in 1421.

*Richard Brown*, gave by will, in 1510, 13s. 4d. to the repair of it.

Here was also a remarkable great oak, so large and hollow, that 10 or 12 men might stand upright in it, not far from the west end of the church.

## BAYFIELD

WAS a beruite to the King's manor of *Holt*: 9 socmen had 20 acres of land in King *Edward's* time, and at the survey, with 2 carucates of land; and the 4th part of a mill belonged to it, valued at 10s. 8d. it was one leuca long, and half a one broad, and paid 8d. gelt.<sup>3</sup>

The family of *de Vaux* were early enfeofft of this manor, with that of *Holt*, &c. *Sir John de Vaux* claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, &c. in the 14th of *Edward I.*

From this family it came to the Lords *Ross*, and the *Nerfords*, as in *Holt*.

Another lordship was at the survey in *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*,

<sup>3</sup> Terra Regis.—In *Baiafelda* ix soc. et viiij. et hab. i leug. in long. et dim. de xx ac. et habt. T.R.E. ii car. et mo. in lat. et viiij. in gelt. et quarta pars de i mol. et val. x sol. et

out of which *Godric*, a freeman, had been ejected; to it belonged 40 acres of land, 3 borderers, with one carucate, and the 3d part of a mill, also one socman with 10 acres, valued then at 10s. at the survey at 20s.\*

This came from the *Giffards* to the Earls of *Clare*, by marriage of the heiress of *Giffard*.

*Adam de Calthorp*, *John de Reppes*, and *Reginald de Bacun*, held one fee of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, in the beginning of King *Henry* the Third's reign; and in the 8th of *Edward* I. *Alice*, daughter of *Richard de Bayfield*, conveyed to *Reginald de Reppes*, son of *John de Reppes*, lands here, &c.

And in the 14th of *Edward* I. a fine was levied between *Reginald de Reppes*, querent, *Walter de Melford* and *Alice de Reppes*, deforcients, of 8 messuages and lands in this town, *Holt*, *Sniterle*, *Glaunford*, &c. with the advowson of the church of *St. Margaret of Bayfield*, conveyed to *Alice* and *Walter*, who regranted them to *Reginald* for life; she was probably mother of *Reginald*, and late wife of *John de Reppes*.

In the 11th of *Edward* II. *Edmund de Newbourne* and *Alice* his wife, conveyed the manor of *Bayfield* to *Robert Hethe*, by fine, probably in trust.

*Alice de Reppes*, and *Walter de Calthorp*, held here and in *Huneworth*, one fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, in the 20th of *Edward* III. which *Elizabeth de Calthorp* and *Reginald de Reppes* formerly held.

*Sir Bartholomew de Calthorp* presented to this church as lord in 1346.

*Edmund Newborne* appears from a rental to be lord in the 46th of *Edward* III. and presented to the church in 1380, and in 1393.

*John Yelverton of Bayfeld*, and *Elizabeth*, widow of *Robert Clere*, presented in 1421: she appears to be lady of this manor in 1430, and held her first court then, in *Bayfield-Hall*; probably as her jointure, and relict of *John Yelverton*.<sup>3</sup> *William Yelverton*, who was after a judge, and her son, (as I conceive,) being also then present.

In the family of *Yelverton* it continued; and by an inquisition taken at *Walsingham Parva*, October 4, in the 30th of *Elizabeth*, *William Yelverton* was found to die seized of it August 12, in the 28th of that Queen, held of the honour of *Clare*, and *Henry* was his son and heir; and in 1634, *Sir Henry Yelverton* was lord, and presented to this church.

From the *Yelvertons* it came to the *Jermys*, and *Robert Jermy*, Esq. presented as lord in 1661; and *John Jermy*, Esq. was lord in 1693, when there was but few houses in the town. *John Jermy*, Esq. was lord in 1744.

The *Bayfields* are said to have an interest here in the time of *Henry* III. *Sir Jeffrey de Bayfeld*, Knt. bore sable, two bars wavy, ermine.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Margaret*, and was formerly valued with a portion of *Peter le Curson*, at 5l. 10s. *Peter-pence*, 5d

\* Terre Walteri Giffardi—In Baia- de i mol. et i soc. de x ac. tc. val. x sol.  
felda ten. Godric. lib. ho. T. R. E. xl. mo. xx sol.  
ac. t're. sep. iii bor. et i car. et iii part. \* Of the Yelvertons, see in Roug-  
ham.

The present valor 4*l.* and is at present demolished, and pays no tenths, nor first fruits.

## RECTORS.

In 1331, and 1320, *William de Calthorp* occurs rector.

1346, *William Hemme* instituted, presented by Sir *Bartholomew de Calthorp*.

1349, *Thomas de Blofield*, by *Thomas de Walcote*, rector of *Felbrigg*.

*Philip*, rector, on his death.

*Robert de Stodey*. Ditto.

1359, *John Brian*, by ditto.

1380, *John de Wrystelyngworth*, by *Edmund Newborne*.

1390, *Richard Welsey*, by *John Yelverton*, of *Bayfeld*.

1421, *John Colleson*, by *Elizabeth*, widow of *Robert Clere*.

1455, *William Fawkeney*, by Sir *William Yelverton*'s trustees.

1511, *Richard Lydwin*.

1517, *Robert Bokenham*.

1528, *John Bodenham*.

1559, *Humphrey Wilson*, by *William Yelverton*.

1591, *Paul Bushie*, by *Henry Yelverton*, Esq.

1603 *William Read*, by *William Yelverton*, Esq.

1609, *Laurence Hockenhull*. Ditto.

1628, *Thomas King*, by the assigns of Sir *John Yelverton*.

1634, *Thomas Tubbyn*. Ditto.

*Jos. Culloys*, rector.

1661, *John Bond*, by *Robert Jermy*, Esq.

1662, *Edward Worsley*. Ditto.

1674, *Nathaniel Palgrave*. Ditto.

1705, *Nathaniel Burrel*, by *Mary Cocksedge*, widow.

1739, *John Brown*, by *John Jermy*, Esq.

1741, *Francis Turner*. Ditto.

1744, *Edward White*. Ditto.

*William Jermy*, Esq. son and heir of *John*, married, in 1735, *Elizabeth*, only sister and heir to *William Lord Richardson*, and she died *s. p.*

The tenths were 40*s.* deducted 13*s.* 4*d.*

The temporalities of *Waburne* priory 20*s.* 6*d.*

In the manor-house was the picture of a tortoise, and this inscription:

"This tortoise in 1685, was brought by Mr. *Robert Swallow* from *Smyrna* to *Bayfield*, and in July, 1686, given to *John Jermy*, Esq. It yearly, in November, went under ground, there laid and slept till the latter end of March. In May, she made a hole in the middle of a gravel walk, most open to the sun, and therein usually laid 9 eggs, but never produced any young, having no commerce with a male; she was found dead in the earth in April, 1743."

## BLAKENEY OR SNITERLEY.

**P**ART of this town of *Sniterly* was a beruite to the King's manor of *Holt*; here was one carucate of land, 7 villains and one borderer, also one carucate among the freemen, and was valued with *Holt*.<sup>6</sup>

*Snet* or *Snyte*, is an obsolete name of many rivers or streams of water, from which several towns take their names: thus *Snetterton* in *Norfolk* and *Lincolnshire*, *Sneton* in *Yorkshire*, &c.

The family of *De Vaux* was soon after the conquest enfeoffed of this as in *Holt*, from whom it came to the Lord *Ross*, and so to the *Nar-fords*, &c. as in *Holt*.

The principal lordship was held by *Edric*, a freeman of *Harold*, and granted by the Conqueror to *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, to be held by him as a lay fee, in his own right, which Bishop gave it and many other lordships to his fee, and to be enjoyed by his successors.

At the survey, *William de Noiers* held it of the said prelate, as a lay fee; to it there belonged 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, 25 borderers, and one survus, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 carucates with 3 acres of meadow among the tenant, one mill and 24 socmen, with 24 acres and half a carucate; valued in King *Edward's* time, at 40s. at the survey at 4l. and a church endowed with 30 acres, valued at 16d.<sup>7</sup>

In the 12th of *Henry II.* *Peter de Melton*, called also *Peter de Constable*, was lord, and held three knights fees and an half in *Norfolk*, of the Bishop of *Norwich*; and on the death of *Jeffrey de Constable*, a descendant from the said *Peter*, it came to his three sisters and coheirs; *Alice*, who married *Robert de Cockfeld*;—*Isabel*, married to *Adam de Cockfeld*, and *Edith*, married to Sir *Thomas de Estle*, between whom it seems to have been divided, about the 18th of *Henry III.*

## COCKFELD'S MANOR.

*Sir John de Cockfeld*, son of *Robert* and *Alice*, purchased his aunt *Isabel's* part, and was living in the 15th of *Edward I.* and claimed view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer, &c. with two parts of the lete

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *John*, son of *John de Cockfeld*, conveyed by fine, to *John Bacun*, clerk, a mill, certain rents, with the advowson

<sup>6</sup> Terra Regis.—i beruita in Esnuterle de i car. t're. sep. vii vill. et i bor sep. hou' i car.

<sup>7</sup> Terra Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo ejusd.—In Snuterlea ten. Edricus sub Rege E. lib. Heroldo ii car. t're. semp.

ii villi. et xxv bord et i serv. sep. ia d'no. ii. car. et hom. ii car. iii ac. p'ti. i molin. et iiii soc. de xxiii ac. et dim. car. totu. val. T. R. E. xl sol. modo iiii lib. i ecclia xxx ac. val. xvid.

of the church of *Sniterley*, *Cecilia*, widow of *John de Cockfeld* being the living, and in the 11th of that King her dower, and all the interests of the *Cockfelds* herein, were soon after in the *Bacons*, and Sir *John Bacon*, presented to the church in 1340.

Sir *Bartholomew Bacon*, son and heir of Sir *Robert*, was, in the 15th of *Richard II.* found to die possessed of it; and *Isabel*, wife of Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, was found to be his sister and heir, as appears from the escheat rolls. The said *Isabel* gave it to her 2d son, *Richard Calthorp*, Esq. with the manor of *Cockthorp*. In this branch of the family it continued, till *James Calthorp*, Esq. son and heir of *Christopher*, sold it to Sir *Henry Calthorp* of *Ampton*, knight, in *Suffolk*, who died lord in 1637, and *James* was his son and heir.—See in *Cockthorpe*.

#### ASTLEY'S, ALIAS HOLYWELL MANOR.

This manor took its name from *Robert Holywell*, 2d husband of *Edith de Constable*, (who married first Sir *Thomas de Estele*) who claimed the same liberties in the 15th of *Edward I.* as *Cockfeld*, and had the 3d part of the letc.

*Holywell* held it in right of his wife; afterwards it came to the *Astleys*, as her right heirs, who were lords also of *Melton*, in this hundred, where a particular account of them may be seen; and in the 3d of *Edward III.* *Thomas de Estley* and Sir *Edmund Bacon* held one fee in this town of the Lord *Bardolf*, who held of the Bishop of *Norwich*; it remained in the *Astleys* till *Isaac Astley*, Esq. by indenture dated *January 3*, in the 31st of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *James Calthorpe*, Esq. of *Cockthorpe*, who conveyed it to Sir *Henry Calthorp*, whose descendant, *James Calthorp*, Esq. was lord in 1698, and *James Calthorp*, Esq. in 1727.

#### CLARE MANOR.

*Walter Giffard*, who was Earl of *Bucks*, had also at the survey a lordship, which *Toka* held under King *Harold*, consisting then of 30 acres, and a carucate, &c. valued then at 5s. at the survey at 10s.;\* this after came to the family of *Clare*, by the marriage of the heiress of *Giffard*.

*Richard* Earl of *Clare* was lord in the reign of *Henry III.* and *Robert Fitz Simon* held it of that honour, and *William de Brun*, or *Brome*, held here, in *Cley*, and *Wiveton*, two fees of the said honour, in the 8th of *Edward II.*

*Robert Beales* possessed it in the reign of King *Charles I.* as in *Cley*.

*Blakeney*, or *Sniterley*, was one and the same town: *Sniterley* was undoubtedly the ancient name, and was so called in the 7th of *Henry III.* when that King granted a market here to *Peter de Meauton*; the first time that I meet with the name of *Blakeney* is in the reign of *Edward III.*

It was in ancient days a famous sea port, much frequented by the merchants of *Germany*.

\* Terre Walt. Giffardi.—In Esnuter- lea. ten. Toka sub Heraldo xxx ac. tc. i car. mo. dim. tc. val. vs. mo. x sol.

In the 14th of *Edward I. Henry Flyk*, and *Helebrand de Lubeck* brought their action against *Thomas Burgeys*, &c. for seizing and taking by force a ship loaded with cloth and other merchandize, drove ashore at this port, and valued (as said) at 14000*l*.

King *Edward II.* in his 3d year, charged this town with one ship of war, to be sent to *Dublyn*, to transport the King's forces raised there, to *Scotland*, and in the following year, sent to this town, *Yarmouth*, *Lynne*, *Burnham*, and *Holkham*, to provide ships to be sent to *Scotland*.

In the 31st of *Edward III.* is a statute relating to the sale of fish here, there being a great fair held at *Blakeney*, on that account, to which persons came from all parts. In the 25th of *Edward I.* I find the convent of *Carrow* to lay in a stock of 186 fish, (cod and ling, as I take it,) and in the 9th of *Richard II.* when other mariners were impressed, for the King's service, the fishermen of *Blakeney*, *Cloy*, *Cromer*, and of the adjacent parts, were excepted.

In the 27th of *Henry VI. William Conyngton*, and *Katharine* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *John Heydon*, &c. a messuage, 70 acres of land, one *ustrina*, and one *minera*, which I interpret a melting-house, with a mine, or mineral, belonged to it in *Snitterley*, &c.

The tenths were 12*l*.—Deducted 5*l*.

The CHURCH is very spacious, both in length and breadth, containing a nave, 2 isles, and a chancel, all built of stone, with a stately, large, and lofty four-square tower of stone, and is a famous sea-mark; the chancel roof is curiously vaulted with free-stone, and covered as the church, with lead: at the north-east corner of the chancel arises a lofty stone turret, wherein was formerly (as reported) a fire-beacon, or light-house: on the pavement a gravestone for,

*Franc. Wace*, rector, who died Nov. 6, 1721.

In the nave,

*Orate p. a'i'ab; Richardi Brown, et Alicie uxor.*

*Orate p. a'i'ab; Will. Roted et Helene uxoris ej.*

On another,

*I Syr John Smyth, was -----,*

*As I am that shall you be,*

*Pray for the soule of me,*

*Qui obt. x die Janu. A°. Dni. M.cccc.lx.*

At the east end of the nave, just as you enter the chancel, lies a large marble gravestone, and on a plate of brass;

*Hic jacent corpora Joh. Calthorp,? Armig. uni. fundatorum fratrum convent. et Alicie uxor. ej. qui obt. xxii die Aug. Ao. D'ni. M. V. III°. quor. a'i'ab; p. pit. also the arms of Calthorp, impaling Astley.*

In the north isle,

*Hic conditur Matha, Joh. Springold, clerici, uxor, quæ ob. undecimo die Martis A°. D'ni. 1722, æt. 35.*

° It is probable he was buried in the church of the Carmes, of this town, and removed here at the dissolution. See in Cckthorp.



On the north buttress of the tower is this shield carved, ----- three mitres, the lowest pierced with a crosier, probably for the arms of the see of *Norwich*; and on the south buttress, a cross, under that a dolphin embowed in a bordure of escallops.

The church is a rectory dedicated to *St. Nicholas*, and was formerly valued, with the chapel of *Glanford* annexed, at 50 marks, the *Peter-pence* 13*d. ob.* the present valor is 26*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first-fruits and tenths: the priory of *Castlecre* had a portion in it valued at 4*s.* and that of *Carbrook* one.

### RECTORS.

*Hamon Peché* occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward I.*

1305, *Gilbert de Wytham*, instituted rector, presented by Sir *John de Cockfeld*.

1307, *Walter Reginald*. Ditto. Quære, if he was not after Archbishop of *Canterbury*.

*Oliver*, occurs rector in 1333.

1340, *Henry Arnys*, by Sir *John Bacoun*.

1349, *Walter Moyner*, by *John Lord Bardolf*, on the minority of *Edmund*, son and heir of *John Bacoun*.

1361, *Peter de Marlham*, by *Alexander de Buresyard*, *Robert Spencer*, &c.

1375, *John de Winterton*, by the abbot and convent of *Langley*, a canon there.

*Robert Tymworth*, occurs rector.

1382, *John Brydd*. Ditto.

1387, *Hugh de Bridham*.

1388, Mr. *William de Feriby*.

1395, *Henry Curson*.

1398, *John de Flake*.

1399, Mr. *Adam de Swaffham*.

1411, Mr. *John Bury*.

1414, Mr. *John Knyrington*, alias *Attchall*.

1417, *John Frank*.

1435, Mr. *Jeffrey Martin*.

On the dissolution of *Langley* abbey, the advowson of this church seems to be granted to the Earl of *Sussex*. In *Michaelmas*, term, 6th of *Edward VI.* *Henry Earl of Sussex*, conveyed it by fine, to *James Calthorp*, Esq.

*James Pointer* occurs rector, about 1600.

In June 1621, *Richard Loud*, rector, compounded for first-fruits, as did

*Ed. Day*, in November 1641.

1722, *Samuel Thornton*, on *Franc. Wace's* death, by *James Calthorp*, Esq.

1724, *Joseph Ward*, by *James Calthorp*, Esq.

1727, *Henry Calthorp*. Ditto.

*John Blakeney*, citizen and fishmonger of *London*, gave by will in 1393, to 5 chaplains, to pray for him, 10 years in this church, and those of *Cley*, *Wyocton*, *Sheryngham*, and *Brynynggham*, to each chaplain 5*l.* per ann.

In this church were the gilds of *St. Nicholas*, *St. Mary*, and *St. Thomas* the martyr, and a manor is said to belong to the rectory.

Temporalities of *Walsingham* priory were 5s.—of *Waburne* 10s.

Here was a convent of white friars, dedicated to the *Virgin Mary*.

In the 21st of *Edward I.* *John Stormer*, and *Thomas Tholer*, copyhold tenants of *William de Roos*, lord of the town, and *Maud* his wife, did fealty for lands and tenements, they held of him here, and in *Cley*; and after they gave part of these lands, 13 acres and  $\frac{1}{4}$  to God, and the *Virgin Mary*, that the *Carmelite* friars, by the King's license, and that of *Sir William Roos*, might inhabit therein for ever, and might build a chapel, and other necessary buildings thereon, the said friars being bound to pray for the good estate of the said *Sir William Roos* and his Lady *Maud*, on pain of excommunication, and to have and to hold that lord and lady, and their heirs, for their principal founders, who gave them 100 marks, to build their church and houses, and promise to build their hall, with a kitchen and chambers, proper and convenient for the reception of them and their heirs, with liberty for them at all times, of free entrance and exit whenever they shall think proper to come and stay there; the said *Sir William* and his heirs repairing the same, and was finished, A<sup>o</sup>. 1321.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* they had a patent to purchase one acre of *Nicholas le Bret*, to enlarge their manse. *Sir Robert de Ros*, *Sir Robert Bacon*, and *Sir John Bret* were benefactors in the said reign, as was *John Calthorp*, Esq.

The patronage of it descended to the Earls of *Rutland*.

In 1518, there was the gild of *St. Ann* in this friary.<sup>1</sup>

The site of this house, with the *East* and *West* closes, *Kyll close*, *Tanners* acre, and *Hollyn's* close, the stallage, shops, cellars, fair, mercate and customs here, were granted *February 6*, in the 39d of *Henry VIII.* to *Willsam Read*, who in the said year had license to alien it to *Richard Gresham*, and *Richard* had license for the same, in the 36th of that King, to *Peter Scottow*; *John*, his son and heir, had livery of it in the 4th of *Elizabeth*. *Cecilia Scottow* aliened it to *Thomas Barker*, who held it about the 18th of *Elizabeth*.

After this, on *September 1*, in the 2d of *King James*, ----- *Old-man* conveyed it to ----- *Chadwick*.

## GLANFORD

WAS a hamlet at the survey, and so remains, to the King's manor of *Snitterley*, or *Blakeney*: 3 socmen held 20 acres, and a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued at 4s. and it was 8 furlongs long, and broad, and paid 6½d. gelt.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Gyllys, Norw. fol. 179.

<sup>2</sup> In *Glaforða*, iii soc. de xx ac. et i car. et ac. p'ti. et val. iiii sol. et ht. viii

qr. in lqng. et in lat. et vid. et obulu' in gelt.

This part or fee was in *Peter de Mealton*, and so passed to the *Cockfelds*, and *Astleys*, and *Bacons*, and *Calthorps*, with the manor of *Snitterley*, as is there observed.

Another part, or fee, was in *Walter Giffard*, out of which a free-man had been expelled, who had 30 acres, and there were three borderers, with a carucate and an acre of meadow, valued then at 8s. at the survey at 5s.<sup>3</sup>

From the *Giffards* it came to the Earls of *Clare*, as in *Snitterley* alias *Blakeuey*.

The tenths were 40s.—Deducted 10s.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* were 2s.;—of *Waburn* 21s. 4d.—and of *Westacre* 6d.

The church, about 20 years past, was in decent repair, and there was service in it; at present it is in ruins: it had a nave, with a north isle, together about 30 feet broad, and in length, with the chancel, about 60 feet, all covered with lead, and a square tower, with one large bell. In the churchyard an altar tomb,

*In memory of Valentine Dennis, Gent. who died in 1721.*

It is dedicated to *St. Martin*.

## BODHAM OR BODENHAM,

**T**AKES its name as seated in a fine winding valley; thus *Bodeney* in *Norfolk*, &c. At the survey *Hugh de Montfort* had the capital lordship, which *Bund*, a *Saxon* thane, was lord of, in the reign of the Confessor, consisting of two carucates of land, 17 villains, &c. and 4 borderers; there were then 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, 2 acres of meadow, &c. 17 goats, and 2 socmen had 30 acres of land, with half a carucate, then valued at 20s. at the survey at 10s. it was 10 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 12d. gelt,<sup>4</sup> and *Ralph* held it under his lord *Hugh*.

The descendants of this *Ralph*, according to the custom of that age, assumed the name *De Bodham*, and *De Bosco de Bodham*, from some wood near their seat.

*Henry de Bosco de Bodham* was lord in the 5th of King *John*, or held lands here in the 19th of *Henry III.* *William*, son of *Philip de Bodham*, was querent, in a fine, and *William de Maynewarin* and *Alice* his wife tenants of one knight's fee here, the dower of *Alice*, and mention is therein made of *Oliva*, widow of *William de Bodham*; and

<sup>3</sup> Terre Walt. Giffardi, xxx ac. ten. q'ida. lib. ho. T. R. E. sep. iii bor. et i car. i ac. p'ti. tc. val. viii sol. mo v sol.

<sup>4</sup> T're Hugon. de Monteforti ——— In Bodham, ten. Radulfus quam ten. Bundo, lib. ho. T. R. E. ii car. iii p. man. tc. xvii vill. mo. iiii et iiii bor, tc.

in d'nio ii car. et p'. et mo. i tc. ho'um ii mo. null, ii ac. pti. sep. i r. et iii an. tc. v por. sep. xvii cap. et ii soc. de xxx ac. tre. sep. d. car. tc. val. xx s. ms. xs. et ht. x qr. in long. et v in et lat. xiiid. in gelto.

in the 34th of that King, *William de Bodham* was found to hold one Knight's fee, and was not a knight.

In the 52d of the said reign, *William de Bodham* sold one fee here, &c. to *Roger de Thirkelby*, with the advowson of the church, and 2 acres of land; *Roger's* brother, *Walter de Turteby*, or *Thiskelby*, and his heir, gave it to the priory of *Langley*, in *Norfolk*; the aforesaid *William*, also sold the greatest part of his lands, and kept only the lordship and demean lands about it, which lands *Philip* and *Ralph* his sons are said to have surrendered into the King's hands, for the use of *Matthew de Gellham*.

In the 55th of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Matthew de Gelham*, and *Ralph de Unworth*, of a messuage and one carucate of land granted to *Roger*, who regranted certain of the said lands, to *Matthew* for life: *Roger de Hunworth* appears to be lord in the 28th of *Edward I.* and held one fee, paying 10s. *per ann.* castle guard to *Dover*, and 2s. hundred shot; in the 34th of that King, *John* was found to be his son and heir, and paid 100s. relief, he died in the 23d of *Edward III.* and *Margaret* his wife survived him, and *William* was found to be his son and heir, aged 11 years.

About this time the lordship seems to be divided. *Simon de Bosco de Bodham* sued *Warine Thurkelby* on account of 12 messuages, 118 acres of land, 64 of heath, 3 of pasture, with 5s. rent in this town, *Baconsthorp*, &c. but *Warine* recovered against him, in the 35th of *Edward I.* and a fine was levied in the 10th of *Edward III.* between *Henry de Hauvile* and *Isabel* his wife, querents, *Thomas de Bosco*, of *Bodham*, deforciant, of the lordship of *Bodham*, who settled it on *Henry* and *Isabel* for life, remainder to himself.

*Thomas de Bodham* and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed by fine, in the 26th of that King, the fourth part of the manor, to *John de Wesenham*. *John de Bodham* was found to die seized of lands held of *Dover* castle, in the 34th of the said reign, as was *Margaret Bodham* in the 28th.

In the 39th of *Edward III.* *William de Honeyworth* died aged 26, and *Catharine* was his sister, aged 29: *Margaret*, wife of *James de Rungeton*, seems to be another sister; between these, their brothers inheritance was divided, and in the said year, the said *James*, and *Margaret*, conveyed to *Will. de Tutington*, and *Edw. de Gresham*, 2 messuages, several great parcels of land, and a fold-course in *Bodham*, and *Baconsthorpe*.

Three fines in the year following were levied—one between *John Burnel*, parson of *Berningham Parva*, &c. querents, *Richard Colman* and *Emma* his wife, deforciants of the 5th part of the manor of *Bodham*, settled on *John*, their trustee; and between *Margaret*, widow of *John*, son of *Thomas de Bodham*, holding a third part of two parts, and *Alice*, widow of *Thomas de Bodham*, holding a third part of a fifth part thereof.—The second fine was between *Rob. Hereward* of *Aldeburgh*, querent, and *William de Wilby* and *Joan* his wife, *John de Merlee* and *Margaret* his wife, deforciants, of two other fifth parts, then sold to *Robert Hereward*, quit of the heir of *Joan*, and *Margaret*, whereby *Emma*, and they two seem to be heirs of the manor, and likely daughters and coheirs of *John*, son of *Thomas de Bodham*, and that the whole interest came after to *Hereward*.

In the 7th of *Henry IV.* *John Atte Bowre* of *Bodham* died seized of lands and tenements, and paying guard fee to *Dover* castle, and

*Roger* was his son and heir, aged 40 years ; the said *Roger* was found to die possessed of a messuage, 28 acres of land, one of meadow, &c. 6 of heath, and 13s. 4d. rent, in *Bodham*, and *West Beckham*, held by the 4th part of a fee, and *John Boure* was his cousin and next heir.

In the reign of *Edward IV.* *John Heydon*, Esq. was lord, and died possessed of it ; and on *June 20*, in the 37th of *Henry VIII.* messuages and lands here were granted to *Robert Heydon*, in which family it continued in 1616, when *Sir Christopher Heydon* presented to this church.

*John Lang*, Gent. was lord and patron in 1701, and then presented.

The tenths were 2l. 4s.—Deduct 14s.

*Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks* had also a manor here which went also along with his manor of *Laringset*, with one carucate of land, 9 borderers, 2 servi, one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. 2 acres of meadow, valued at 10s. in *King Edward's* time ; at the survey at 30s.<sup>5</sup>

This came by marriage to the Earls of *Clare*.

*Roger de Peters* held here and in *Laringset*, &c. two fees of *Petronilla de Nerford*.

In the 7th of *Edward II.* for 4l. sterling, she granted the custody of all the lands of *Thomas*, son of *Simon de Bosco* of *Bodham*, a minor, to *Roger de Gresham*, which lands, &c. *Cecilia*, wife of *Henry de Bosco*, held in dower, in *Bodham*, and the lands, &c. which *Thomas de Bosco*, *Emma de Bosco*, and *Grace de Bosco* held there.

*Thomas Hales* held here, in *Holt*, *Laringsete*, &c. a fee of the Lord *Ross*, and *Margaret de Nerford*, in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*Edmund Mortimer* Earl of *March* held in capite, in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

*John Winter*, in the 3d of *Henry IV.* held half a fee of the Earl of *March*, and in the 1st of *Henry V.* *Edmund Winter*, and *Oliva* his wife conveyed a moiety of this lordship to *Roger Scot*, Esq. and *Roger Hunt*.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 20 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 12d. the present valor is 9l.

## RECTORS.

*William de Wendling*,<sup>6</sup> occurs rector about the 52d of *Henry III.* presented (as said) by the convent of *Langley*.

1270, *John de St. Deneys* instituted,<sup>7</sup> presented by the King.

*Peter de Birston* occurs rector in the 26th of *Edward I.*

1310, *John de Langele*, presented by the abbot, &c. of *Langley*.

*John de Wasce* occurs rector in the 13th of *Edward II.*

In the year 1339, on *May 2*, *Anthony* Bishop of *Norwich* appropriated it to the abbey of *Langley* when a vicarage was settled endowed with 10 acres of the demean land, tithe of wool, lamb, ducks,

<sup>5</sup> Terre Walt. Giffardi—In Bodenham i car. tre. T. R. E. et p' tinet ad Laringasta. sep. ix bor. et ii ser. et et in d'nio. i car. et lion'n i car. silva ad v por. ii ac. pti. tc. val. x sol. mo xxx sol.

<sup>6</sup> He was a judge, founder of *Wendling* abbey, &c.; see that in *Launditch* hundred.

<sup>7</sup> He was master of the rolls, and archdeacon of *Rochester*.

pidgeons, milk, calves, chickens, pigs, geese, foals, bees, and all titheable animals whatsoever, also of mills, fisheries, merchandise, hemp, flax &c. and in all oblations, burials, mortuaries, anniversaries, marriages, legacies to the altar, the tithe of hay and corn of 20 acres belonging to the religious, with an annual pension of 2 marks to be paid by the abbot and convent:

1339, *John de Gresham*, instituted vicar, presented by the abbot, &c.

1349, *John Gryme*.

1364, *James Smith*, alias *de Baconsthorp*.

1374, *John Howes*.

1379, *James Gatelee*.

1412, *John Candler*.

1421, *Hugh Clay*.

1436, *Robert Smith*.

1440, *Roger White*.

1460, *John Wryte*, by the Bishop a lapse.

1498, *John Barsham*, rector, presented by Sir *Henry Heydon*; it does not appear how the the abbey parted with the advowson and appropriation.

1503, *John Hendrye*, by Sir *John Heydon*.

1509, *Thomas Coke*.

1515, *Richard Warner*.

1540, *Robert Inglot*, by Sir *John Heydon*.

1555, *William Watson*.

1558, *Christopher Nuttall*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.

1572, *Richard Lawson*.

1580, *Richard Turnour*, by *William Heydon*, Esq.

1589, *James Smith*, by Sir *William Heydon*.

1616, *Christopher Baliston*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.

*Richard Watson*, occurs rector, 1636.

1664, *Joseph Clark*, by *Hannah N-----*.

1701 *Valent. Haywood*, by *John Lang*, Gent.

1744, *Zurish. Girdleston*, on *Heywood's* death. Ditto.

In this church were the lights of our Saviour, *St. Mary*, and of the crucifixion; and the gilds of *St. Margaret*, *Trinity*, and of *St. John*.

The temporalities of *Bromholm* priory were 6s. 8d.; of *Norwich* 15s.; and the prior of *Castleacre* had the homage of *John Muriel*, by the gift of *William de Bodham*, who also gave lands to him here.

## BRINTON,

WAS a beruite belonging to *William Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford's* capital manor of *Thornage*, belonging to the see, in the Saxon age, and is accounted for under that town, to which I refer the reader.

In the 35th of *Henry III.* *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* had a charter for free-warren, and was lord.

In *Edward's* the First's time, the Bishop had view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, a gallows, and other privileges.

It remained in the see of *Norwich* till it came to the Crown, on the great exchange of lands made by act of parliament, in the 27th of *Henry VIII.* and was granted the 1st of *July*, in his 28th year, to *William Butts*, M. D. his chief physician; by the heiress of this family, it came to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, Bart. as in *Ryburgh*: from the *Bacons* it came to *Sir Jacob Astley*, Bart. who presented to this church in 1682, and in the same family it continues, *Sir Edward Astley*, Bart. of *Melton*, being the present lord.

The tenths were 1*l.* 15*s.* 0*d.*

The Church is dedicated to *St. Andrew*, and is a rectory, the old valor was 5*l.* *Peter-pence* 6*d.*; the present valor is 8*l.* 11*s.* 4*d.*

### RECTORS

1307, *Peter de Swaffham*, instituted, collated by the Bishop, and so continued with the manor.

1309, *Simon de Deseburgh*.

1322, *Solomon de Swaffham*, prior

1324, *Ralph de Kettleston*.

1349, *Steph. Nally*.

1349, *John Thefford*.

1354, *Silo. Attie Gates*.

1354, *Walter de Dunwich*.

*John Mey*, rector.

1364, *Thomas Penreth*,

*John Horsham*, rector.

1380, *William Tesaunt*.

1380, *William Hodington*.

1387, *John Anty*.

1393, *John Wisebeche*.

1398, *John Fysher*.

1403, *John Park*, alias *Hunden*.

1404, *Walter Gerard*.

1408, *William Thomason*.

1414, *John Elsy*.

1417, *Henry Poyt*.

1419, *Thomas Young*.

1420, *Mr. Robert Derham*, alias *Braunch*.

1424, *Jeff. Shaver*.

1427, *William Pays*.

1433, *Ralph Walter*.

*Robert Coope*, rector.

1452, *William Sparhow*.

*John Ardern*, rector.

1489, *John Skye*, by his will dated in 1520, he wills to be buried in the church, and gives to the edifying of a new roof for the church 20 marks, when the parishioners shall begin it, and his executors to take down the lead of our Lady's chapel, and cause it to be new sheeted.<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> Reg. Palgrave, Norw. fol. 82.

- 1530, *John Bury.*  
 1530, *William Humfrey.*  
 1556, *Humph. Younger.*  
     *Martin Claxton, rector.*  
 1566, *John Stallon.*  
 1586, *Christopher Burlingham, by the Lady Jane Butts, widow.*  
 1618, *Thomas Catlyn, Sir Nicholas Bacon, Bart.*  
 1670, *Christopher Seaman, by Sir Edmund Bacon, Bart.*  
 1682, *Arthur Gallant, by Sir Jacob Astley, Bart.*  
 1693, *Arthur Gallant. Ditto.*  
 1713, *Robert Cubit. Ditto.*  
 1729, *Nathaniel Shorting. Ditto.*  
 1758, *John Astley, presented by Sir Jacob Astley, Bart.*  
 In the church was the chapel and light of *St. Mary.*  
 The celarer of *Norwich* priory had a portion of tithe.
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## BURGH PARVA.

THIS town is not mentioned in *Domesday Book*, but appears to belong to the Bishop of *Norwich's* lordship of *Melton*: it seems to take its name from the river *Bure*, that rises here, and runs to *Yarmouth*.

The family of *De Melton*, alias *Le Constable* of *Melton*, were the ancient lords of this village, and by the marriage of *Edith*, one of the daughters and coheirs of that family, it came to *Sir Thomas de Estely*; and in 1317, *Steph. de Astlee*, presented as lord to the church of *Burgh*, in which family it still remains, *Sir Edward Astley, Bart. of Melton*, being lord, as may be there seen.

The tenths were 1*l.* 1*s.*—Deducted 3*s.*

Temporalities of the hospital of *Lazars*, at *Chosele*, 4*s.* and the priory of the monks of *Thetford* had a portion of tithe.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, anciently valued at 6 marks, *Peter-pence* 4*d.* ob. the present valor of this rectory is 4*l.*

## RECTORS.

- In 1317, *Jeff. de Burgh* was instituted, presented by *Steph. de Astlee*.  
 1328, *Martin de Harplee*, by *Thomas de Astlee*.  
 1338, *Robert Bate*, by *Thomas de Astlee*, of *Hill Morton*.  
 1349, *Thomas Larke*, by *Sir Ralph de Astley*.  
 1352, *Steph. de West Barsham. Ditto.*  
 1379, *John in Le Ker*, by *Sir Thomas de Astlee*.  
 1390, *John Auncell*, by the assignees of *Margaret*, relict of *Sir Thomas*.



1410, *Richard Banham*, by *Thomas Astele*, Esq.

1414, *Richard Bolour*. Ditto.

*Robert Stow*, rector.

1420, *Thomas Crumme*, by *John Astley*, Esq.

1455, *John Wyppe*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1460, *Robert Howson*. Ditto.

1489, *John Bintree*, by *Thomas Astele*, Esq.

1501, *John Matthew*. Ditto.

1506, *George Webster*, Bishop by lapse.

1554, *Thomas Hecker*, by the assignees of *John Astle*, Esq.

1559, *Thomas Corker*, by *Frances Astele*, widow.

1564, *Edmund Weston*. Ditto.

1598, *Richard Forster*, by *Isaac Astele*, Esq.

1617, *Richard Asteley*, by *Francis Asteley*, Esq.

1652, *Thomas Reymer*, by *Isaac Astley*, Esq. consolidated with *Melton*, about 1665: see there.

*St. Mary's* gild in this church; and in 1504, I find a gift to the making of the steeple.

## BRUNINGHAM, OR BURNINGHAM,

So called as seated on meadows, by the river *Bure*.

The greatest part of this town was granted to *William de Beauford* Bishop of *Thetford*, by the Conqueror, to be held as a lay fee, and in his own right, out of which 4 freemen of King *Harold* had been ejected, who possessed 2 carucates and a half of land, and *Roger Lungusensis* held it under the Bishop, 9 villans, 13 borderers belonged to it, and there had been 3 carucates in demean, and 2 carucates and an half among the tenants, paunage for 30 swine, 6 acres of meadow, and a mill, &c. 5 skeps of bees, 3 socmen had 12 acres and half a carucate, valued in *Harold's* time at 50s. at the survey at 4l. was one leuca long, and 8 furlongs broad, and paid 13d. gelt, and there was a church endowed with 12 acres valued at 12d.

There was also another lordship, or part of land, with 6 acres, with a church, endowed with 12 acres valued at 12d. which *R.* the Earl, (that is *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk*) held, and forfeited it on his rebellion, as I take it, and after him *A.* the Earl, (*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* probably) as the hundred witnessed, was lord.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>9</sup> Terra Willl. Epi. Tedfordens. de feudo ejusd.—In Burningaham iiii lib. ho'es Heroldi de ii car. tre. et dim. qs. tenet Roger Lungusensis de W. Epo. sep. ix vill. tc. xiii bord. modo xvii tnc. in d'nio iii car. modo ii et d. et dim. posset restaurari tc. ho'um ii car. et dim. modo iiii silva ad xxx porc'. vi ac. pti. i molin. tnc. ii runc. modo similiter, tc.

iiii porc. modo viii tc. ix ovs. mo. c. et iiii mo. v vas. apu. et iii soc. de xii ac. et dim. car. tc. val. L sol. mo. iiii lib. et ht. i lg. in longo, et viii qr. in lato et xiii d. de gelto. i ecclia xii ac. et val. xiiid.—In Bruningaha tenet Rog. Lungusensis vi ac. et ecclia de xii ac. val. xii d. quas R. Com's. ten. et p' A. Comes, et hoc testatur. hund.

The family of *De Mealton*, of *Melton Constable*, were early enfeoffed of these tenures, by the Bishops of *Norwich*; and on a division of their estate among the daughters and coheirs, this became the inheritance of *Sir Thomas de Estlee*, by the marriage of *Edith*, one of the said daughters, and *Thomas de Asteleye* presented to this church in 1328, in which family part of the aforesaid tenures remain.

Part of the said tenure, in the 20th of *Edward III.* was found to be held by *John de Wesenham* by the 6th part of a fee, of *Ralph de Estlè*, which *Lucy de Bryningham* formerly held.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the Lady *Catharine Braunch* possessed the said 6th part, and *Robert Braunch*, Esq. by his will dated *January 13, 1502*, proved *April 6, 1505*, died lord of it, leaving *Jane* his wife, and *John* his grandson, son and heir of *Henry Braunch*, his son, heir to the said *Edward*.

*John Braunch*, Esq. conveyed it in the 28th of *Henry VIII.* to *John Bozoun*.

*Robert Bozoun*, Esq. of *Stodey*, by deed dated in the 14th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, Knt. Lord Keeper of the seal, and *Nicholas Bacon*, Esq. his son and heir, in this family it remained till *Sir Edmund Bacon* of *Garboldisham* sold it to *Edmund Britiff*, Esq.

*Edmund Britiff*, Esq. was lord about 1720.

### WELBY'S MANOR.

Another lordship was granted to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, out of which *Turber*, a freeman, under the protection of *Herold*, was ejected, who had 30 acres, and 1 villain, one borderer, with a carucate, paunage for 3 swine, and 2 acres of meadow, valued then at 10s. at the survey at 5s. and *Geffrey* held it of *Alan*.<sup>1</sup>

In the 8th of *Edward I.* *Thomas* son of *Gilbert de Hindringham*, held half a fee here, in *Bathele*, &c. of the honour of *Richmond*.

*John Wilby* was lord of it in the 3d of *Henry IV.* &c.—See in *Batheley* and *Dalling*.

The tenths were 3*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 13*s.* 6*d.*

The temporalities of the hospital of *Lazers* at *Chosel* 8*s.* 10*d.*

*Reginald de Meauton*, son of *Peter le Constable*, gave to *Walsingham* priory 6*d.* rent here.<sup>2</sup>

The Church is dedicated to *St. Maurice*; the ancient valor was 15 marks. *Peter*-pence 16*d.* ob.; it is a curacy.

### CURATES.

1328, *Robert de Asteleye* instituted, presented by *Thomas de Asteley*.

1329, *John de Asteley*. Ditto.

1349, *Thomas de Wolterton*, by *Sir Ralph de Astele*.

1350, Mr. *Thomas de Wolterton*, by Mr. *Richard de Ling*.

<sup>1</sup> Terre Alani Comitiss—In Burningham tenet Gausfrid. q. tenuit Turber lib. ho'. T. R. E. et fuit com'dat. Heroldo xxx. ac. scmp. i vill. i bord. et i car. silva ad iii porc. ii ac. pti. tnc. val. x sol. mo. v sol.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Walsingh. fol. 79.

The King granted license this year to appropriate it to *Trinity Hall* in *Cambridge*, and the Bishop of *Norwich*, *William Bateman*, who was the capital lord of the fee, and of this town, appropriated it on *October 15*, 1350, to the said hall, of which he was the founder. *Richard de Ling* was his chancellor, and many times also chancellor of the University of *Cambridge*, &c.

The Bishop reserved a pension of one mark *per ann.* payable to the see, and it was to be served by a stipendiary curate.

## BURSTON, OR BRISTON,

**TAKES** its name from the river *Bure*. The principal manor belonged to King *Edward*, as lord of *Holt*, on which it was a dependant, and the Conqueror held it as such at the survey, when 5 socmen, belonging to *Holt* manor, held a carucate and 20 acres of land, had pannage for 20 swine, and was valued at 12s. it was one leuca long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 13*d.* gelt, whoever possessed it.<sup>3</sup>

This, as I take it, was the lordship called *Briston-Mauteby's*.

### EARL WARREN'S MANOR.

The Earl *Warren* had also a lordship by grant of the Conqueror, out of which *Toke*, a Saxon thane, had been ejected, who had 14 socmen with half a carucate of land and 3 borderers, also 4 carucates, with pannage for 20 swine, valued at 16s.<sup>4</sup>

The ancient family of *De Burston* or *Briston*, were lords of it. In the 34th of *Henry III.* *Roger de Leonibus*, or *Lions*, impleaded *Ralph de Birston* for 2 parts of a fee in this town.

This *Roger* was son of *Jeffrey de Lions*, who married *Matilda*, daughter and coheir of *William de Lions*, who lived in the reign of *Henry II.* and left also 2 other daughters and coheirs, *Hawise* and *Beatrice*, and they dying *s. p.* he claimed it as heir.

*William de Grantcourt*, lord of *Fulmodeston*, proving that *Jeffrey de Lions* had levied a fine of the same to his ancestor, *William de Grancourt*, *Briston* held his possession.

In the 41st of the aforesaid King, *Roger de Lenham* gave lands in *Burston* and *Thurning*, to *Roger de Briston*, on his marriage with *Amabilia*; and *Robert de Briston* held half a fee of the Earl *Warren*, when the aid was granted to this king, on the marriage of his sister to the Emperor.

<sup>3</sup> Terre Regie.—In *Burstuns* v soc. p'tinent ad *Holt* de xx ac. t're. et i car. silva ad x por. et val. xii sol. et hab. i leng. in long. et dim. in lat. et xiiid. in gent. quicuq; ibi t'neat.

<sup>4</sup> T're. Willi de Warennia.—In *Burstuna* xiiii soc. quos *Toka* ten. T. R. E. d'. car. t're. et iii bord. semp. iii car. silva ad xx porc. et val. xvi sol.

*Thomas*, son of *John de Briston*, in the 10th of *Edward I.* demanded against *John de Cockfeld*, the advowson of this church of *All-Saints* of *Briston*, and sets forth his descent in this manner:

*Robert de Briston* had 2 sons, the eldest, *Robert*, died *s.p.* *Roger* his brother was his heir, and had issue, *Robert*, who died *s.p.* and *John*, who was father of *Thomas*, the present lord.

*John de Cockfeld* calls to warrant *Robert de Cockfeld*, who pleaded that he held it in parcenary with *Edith*, daughter of *Peter le Constable*, grandfather of *Robert de Cockfeld*, &c. and in the 14th of *Edward I.* he impleaded *Peter de Letheringset* and *Agnes* his wife, on account of waste, &c. in the lands, woods, houses, and gardens, held in dower by the said *Agnes*, in *Birston*, the inheritance of the said *Thomas*.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *John de Birston* was lord, and in the 17th a fine was levied between *John*, and *Joan* his wife, querents, *John le Pourc*, &c. deforcients, whereby lands here were settled on *John de Birston*, remainder to *Peter* and *John* his sons; and in the 6th of *Edward III.* this lordship was settled on the said *John* and *Joan* for life; remainder to *John*, *Roger*, *Adam*, *Nicholas*, &c. his sons, in tail. The arms of this family was quarterly, *argent*, and *sable*, a bend over all, *or*.

*John de Birston* in the 20th of that King, held half a fee of the *Calthorps*, (as was found) and they of the Earl *Warren*; and in the 34th, *John de Birston* and *Maud* his wife, were living, and had the manor of *Wollerton* in *East Barsham*.

In the 4th of *Henry IV.* *John de Bryston* held half a fee of the Earl of *Arundel*. *John de Bryston* was living in the 9th of that King, aged 40, and was born in this town, and had been abroad in the King's service, and his father, *John Bryston*, Esq. had been in many voyages and services, and the aforesaid *John* was living in the first year of King *Henry VI.*

In the 7th of *Henry VI.* *John Ingram* and *Ela* his wife, conveyed in trust to *Benedict Turner*, vicar of *Birston*, this manor, with lands, and 2s. 8d. *per ann.* held by *Ela* for life.

*Ralph Briston*, Esq. died lord in the 11th of *Henry VII.* and *John Copping* was found to be his heir; and in the next year *John Windham* purchased it of *William Sutton* and *Joan* his wife. Sir *Thomas Windham* died seized of it in 1522.

The Bishop of *Norwich*'s manor of *Melton* extended into this town. Tenths 5l. 14s. 4d. Deducted 1l. 6s. 8d.

Temporalities of *Burton Lazars* of *Chosele*, were 11s.;—of *Walsingham* 3s. 5d. ob.;—of *Waburne*. 2s. 4d.

The CHURCH of *Burston* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, was anciently a rectory, valued at 35 marks, and paid *Peter-pence*, 13d. ob. and the brethren of the *Lazars* of *Chosele* had a portion valued at 20s.

## RECTORS.

In 1256, *Stephen de Ponte*, who was canon of *St. Peter's* church at *Rome*, occurs rector, by the provision of the *Pope*, who granted him 40 marks *per ann.* out of one or more churches in *England*.<sup>3</sup>

1266, *Edmund de Cokefeld* occurs rector.

1305, *Robert Bakun* instituted, presented by *Sir John de Cokefeld*.

1311, *Nicholas de Herdewyk*, by *Cecilia*, relict of *Sir John*.

1330, *Edmund de Cokefeld*. Ditto.

1349, *William de Morton*, by *Sir John de Cokefeld*.

1349, *William de Poringland*, by *Richard de Lyng*.

On *August 24, 1350*, it was appropriated by the *Bishop of Norwich* to *Trinity Hall* in *Cambridge*. The *Bishop's* manor of *Melton*, held by the *Cockfelds*, seems to have extended here, and the *Bishop*, as capital lord, granted it; on this a vicarage was settled, who was to have a proper habitation with a pension of 10*l. per ann.* the patronage was to be in the said *Hall*, who were to present two, and the *Bishop* to choose one of them.

## VICARS.

1354, *John de Redesham*, vicar, presented by the master of *Trinity Hall*.

1354, *Robert Atte Bourse*. The vicarage was taxed at 5 marks.

1360, *John Smert*.

1361, *Richard Murre*.

1376, *John Dix*.

1377, *Thomas Atte Heythe*.

1417, *Robert Derham*, LL.B.

1419, *Alan Smith*.

1420, *John Cancellor*.

1422, *Benedict Turnour*.

1435, *William Bettys*.

1440, *John Yarmouth*.

1442, *Thomas Audren*.

1457, *Robert Smith*.

1461, *William Stanton*.

1481, *John Barnabe*.

1493, *John Topcluff*.

1505, *William Alleyne*.

1506, *Robert Waller*.

1535, *Richard Brown*.

1560, *Roger Gavell*.

1572, *William Olyet*, by *John Smith*, &c. inhabitants of *Wiveton*.

1605, *Francis Catelyne*, by *Richard Bray* of *Wiveton*.

1612, *Thomas Crabtree*, by the feoffees of *Wiveton* town.

1643, *William Sowerbetts*.

1662, *Robert Garret*.

1687, *Charles Pinkney*.

<sup>3</sup> Rymer's *Fæd.* vol. i. p. 643.

1696, *Thomas Plomsted*, by the feoffees, &c.

1748, *John Buck*, by the feoffees, &c.

1750, *Isaac Horsley*. Ditto.

In the church were the guilds of *St. Mary*, *Holy Trinity*, and *St. John Baptist*.

The present valor of the vicarage is 4*l.* 9*s.* 8*d.*

### MAUTEBY'S MANOR.

Here was also another lordship in this town, held by the King at the survey, as part of his lordship of *Holt*; of this the ancient family of *De Basingham* were enfeoffed, from whom it came by marriage to the *De Mautebys* in the reign of King *Edward I.* and so to the *Pastons*, in the time of King *Henry VI.* and was sold by Sir *William Paston*, Bart. in the 18th of *Charles I.* to *Erasmus Earl*, Esq. and by the death of *Erasmus Earl*, Esq. came to his sister and heir, —, who married *William Wigget Bultwer*, Esq. lord in 1764.

## C L E Y

WAS a beruile to King *Edward's* manor of *Holt*, and at the survey was in the hands of the Conqueror, as royal demean; 2 carucates of land, 24 villains, 21 borderers, and 2 servi, belonged to it; there was one carucate in demean, and another might be restored to it, and 12 among the tenants, one acre of meadow, 7 swine, 140 sheep, and was valued together with *Holt*.<sup>b</sup>

*Hugh Earl of Gloucester*, seems to have a grant of this manor from the Crown, soon after the conquest, and after came to the Earls of *Albemarle* and *Devonshire*, who held it in *capite*, and was held of them by the *Vauxes*.

### NERFORD'S MOIETY.

The family of *De Vallibus* or *Vaux*, was enfeoffed of it with *Holt* and *Houghton*, and possessed it in the reign of *Henry II.* and on the death of Sir *John de Vaux*, in the 16th of *Edward I.* it was divided between his 2 daughters and coheirs; *Petronilla* married Sir *William de Nerford*, who was lord of this moiety in her right, and had view of frankpledge, assise of bread and beer of his tenants; and *Peter de Letheringset* is said to hold it of the *Nerfords*, with *Holt*, by one fee.

In the 3d of *Edward II.* the Lady *Petronilla* obtained license for a fair on the eve and feast of *St. Margaret the Virgin*. In this family

<sup>b</sup> Terra Regis.—Claiia beruila (viz. i car. et al. posset restaurari et hou' xii Holt) de ii car. t're. sep. xxiiii vill. et car. i ac. p'tu. sep. vii por. mo. clx ov. xxi bor. t'nc. ii ser. mo. liii sep. in d'nio.

it remained till the death of *Margery*, sole daughter and heir of Sir *John de Nerford*, in 1417, as may be seen in *Holt*.

In 1422, *Robert Tyrwhit* and *Richard Gascoign* seem to have an interest herein, &c.

It came after to the family of *Symonds*, of which was *John Symonds*, who died in 1505, and was buried in this church with his two wives, as was *John*, his son, a merchant, who died in 1508, and his wife, *Agnes*, in 1511, leaving *Ralph Symonds*, Esq. her son and heir.

*John Symonds*, Esq. of *Cley*, was grandson of *Richard Symonds* of *Suthfield*, and *Margaret* his wife, and 2d son of *John Symonds*, by *Jane*, daughter of *William Theobald*; the aforesaid *John* died July 24, 1502, and had by *Agnes* his wife, daughter of *William Sanderson* of *London*, *John* his son, who died in 1508, father of *Ralph*, who dying 1557, left *Gyles* his son and heir, by *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William* Bishop of *Yarmouth*, who by *Catharine*, daughter of Sir *Anthony Ley* of *Bucks*, had *Ralph*, his son. *John*, (by *Anne*, daughter of *Jeffrey Cobb* of *Sandringham*,) married *Anne*, daughter of *Richard Toothby* of *Lincolnshire*.

### LORD ROSS'S MOIETY.

*William Lord Ross* of *Hamlake* was lord of a moiety also of this town, in right of *Maud*, youngest daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Vaux*, in which family it remained till it came by marriage to Sir *Robert Manners*, whose descendant, *Thomas* Earl of *Rutland*, in the first and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, sold it to *Thomas Lodge*, Esq. as may be seen at large in *Holt*.

In 1572, Sir *Christopher Heydon* was lord and patron of the church, and both the moieties seem to be in him at that time.

*Charles Britiff*, Esq. died lord in *November*, 1703, and was buried in the church of *Cley*. *Peter Wilson*, Esq. died lord and patron in 1740.

The lordship of *Wiveton* extended into this town. *Simon Fitz Richard* held the fourth part of a fee here in the reign of *Henry III.* of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*, the capital lord, which came after to the *Mortimers* Earls of *March*, &c. the family of *Briggs* had an interest in it in the 35th of *Henry VIII.*

*Robert Beales*, Gent. died seized of it ao. 17 of *Charles I.* and *Robert* was his son and heir.

*Ralph de Hauvile* held lands by grand sergeanty, by keeping the King's hawks, in King *John's* reign.

The tenths were 10*l.* the temporalities of *Castleacre* priory 13*s.* 4*d.*

*Hubert de Monchensy* gave 2 parts of his tithe here and in *Holkham*, to it, which was confirmed by *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1181.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Margaret* the Virgin, and is a rectory; the old valor was 34 marks; paid *Peter-pence*, 16*d.* The present valor is 22*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* and pays first fruits, &c.

It is a very large regular pile, consisting of a nave, a north and south isle, and a chancel built of free-stone, and covered with lead, and there seems to have been two wings or cross isles.

At the west end stands a four square tower, and was built, as I take it, (by the arms) in the reign of *Henry VI.* About the arch of the

South porch are many arms carved in the stone; *France* and *England*, quarterly; *Lord Ross*; *Mortimer Earl of March*, and *Burgh*, quarterly; *Delapole Duke of Suffolk*, and *Wingfield*, quarterly; *Narford*; *Vaux*; *Erpingham*; a plain cross, *St. George's shield*; *St. Peter's*, 2 keys in saltire; a cup with a serpent issuing out of it, *St. John's*; a saltire, *St. Andrew*; the emblem or arms of the Trinity; three escallops, *St. James's*; two swords in saltire, *St. Paul*, &c.

There has also been at the west end a curious porch, or entrance into the nave, of stone, as appears from the ruins.

The east end of the south isle has been a chapel belonging formerly to the *German* merchants; on the roof are delineated several black spread eagles, with two heads, couped, &c.

On a gravestone here,

*Of your charite pray for the souls of John Symonds, merchant, and Agnes his wyfe, the which John decessed the xiiii day of January, the yere of our Lord m. v. viii, and the said Agnes decessed the last day of May. m. v. xii.*

Their portraitures in their winding sheets, and under them those of 8 children are in brass, and about the stone, brass labels inscribed, *Now Thus.*

On another,

*Orate p. a'i'ab; Johs. Symonds, Agnetis et Margarete consort. suar. qui quidem Johs. obt. xviii die mensis Julij Ao. Dni. m. vc. ii. et p'dicta Agnes obt. secundo die mensis Martij, Ao. Dni. m. cccc. lxxxii.*

On a gravestone the portraitures of a priest, his arms cross each other, and holding the sacramental cup with a wafer or host, and on it, *I. H. S.* and, *Orate p. a'i'a. Johs. Yslinton, S. T. P. cuj; a'i'e, &c.*

In the nave, a stone

*In memory of Robert Burton, gent. who died December 2, 1687, in the 68th year of his age.*

Also,

*Hic jacet corpus Roberti Beales, generosi, qui obt. 18 Apr. Ao. Dni. 1624.*

*Bernard Uther, gent. obt. 16 August 1710, at. 70; and Lydia his wife, obt. June 3, 1712, at. 68.*

Also these arms; or, two barrulets, azure, each charged with as many bezants.

*Patrick Eson, gent. collector of the customs in this port, died August 26, 1752, aged 36; with an orle for his arms.*

In the chancel on a gravestone, a brass plate,

*Here lyeth the body of Richard Attyson, late pastor of Cley, who departed 7th November, 1659.*

A marble gravestone

*In memory of Joseph Ward, M. A. rector of this parish 45 years; died March 5, 1735, aged 77; and azure, a cross moline, or.*



## One

*In memory of Lydia, wife of Thomas Rogers, Esq; daughter of William Garret of this parish, merchant, and Margaret his wife, who died August 19, 1725, in her 23 year.*

In the churchyard an altar tomb,

*In memory of John Greve, an assistant of Sir Cloudestly Skoel in burning the ships in the port of Tripoly, in Barbary, January 14, 1676, for his good services made captain of the Orange Tree, by King Charles II. and dyed Apr. 14, 1686, aged 48.*

## RECTORS,

In 1319, *Hubert de Stanham* was instituted rector, presented by Sir *William de Ros*.

1361, *Walter Russell*, by *Margery Lady Roos*.

1364, *Nicholas Cobald*, by *Thomas de Ros Lord Hamlek*.

1390, *William de Beningholm*, by *Beatrice*, relict of *Thomas Lord Roos*.

*John de Gunthorp* occurs rector.

On July 3, 1524, license was granted to *Thomas Manners Lord Roos* to give a messuage, with a close, late *Colles*, lying between the churchyard of *Cley* to the south, and a messuage belonging to the guild of *St. Margaret* to the north, and the close lying thereby between the churchyard, west, and the demean land of the lord, east; which messuage and close did not exceed the yearly value of 6s. 8d. clear to *John Hyat*, then rector of this church, and to his successors for ever,

*Sir Christopher Heydon* was lord and patron in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*.

*Vincent Goodwin* occurs rector about 1600.

*Richard Alison* compounded for his first fruits, as rector, in 1646.

*Joseph Ward* died rector 1735.

1736, *John Girdlestone*, by *Richard Warner, Esq.* died in 1763.

*Sir Christopher Heydon*, in the 38th of *Elizabeth*, by deed, demised to *James Calthorp, Esq.* an old house called the decayed chapel of *Cley*, with a piece of marsh and a fir ground, called *Thornham Eye*, wherein the chapel stood, butting on *Cley* channel to the east, and *Blakeney* channel to the west, between *Cley* common and the channel on the north, and *Wiveton* and *Blakeney marsh* south, excepting wreck of sea, herring fishery, &c.

The town has a good haven, several merchants live in it, and a considerable number of ships, about 20, belong to it, which sail to *Holland, Newcastle, &c.* and the King has a collector of his customs residing here.

## EDGEFIELD

Is situated in the south-east part of *Holt* hundred: it was anciently spelt *Edisfelde*, *Edithsfeld*, *Edesfeld*, and *Eggefild*.

There was formerly a cross in this parish, for *Custancie Adam*, relict of *William*, son of *Ralf*, priest of *Eggefild*, who about the time of King *John*, or *Henry III.* enfeoffed her son, *Stephen*, for half a mark of silver, in one piece of land lying in the field of *Eggefild*, abutting upon the way which led from the cross of *Eggefild* towards *Bynham*.

In the 30th of *Henry III.* 1245, *Walter le Rus* and *Alice* his wife held 12 acres of land in *Eggefild*, by the service of repairing the iron work of the King's ploughs. In the 13th of *Edward II.* 1399, a tournament was designed to be held in this town between divers men of arms, but was prevented by the King's writ, dated at *York*, 20th of *October*, and directed to the sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*.

There are 2 manors in this town: the one is now dalled *Edgefield Ellingham's*, the other *Bynham Priory Manor*, or *Edgefield Bacon's*.

### EDGEFIELD ELLINGHAM'S.

From *Domesday* book it appears that *Ralph*,<sup>7</sup> the brother of *Ilgar*, had a grant of a lordship in this town from the Conqueror, on the deprivation of *Bondo*, a freeman of *Herold*, in the reign of King *Edward* the Confessor, and that there were 2 carucates of land, two villains, seven borderers, two bond slaves, two carucates of demean, and two amongst the tenants, paunage for 100 swine, five acres of meadow, one mill, two beasts of burden; in the Confessor's time there were seven swine, in the Conqueror's 23, then 7 sheep, now 80, then 13 goats, now 21, then one skep of bees, now two; and 17 socmen had 24 acres of land, accounted for in the carucates above.

It was then valued (in the Confessor's time) at 30s. now (in the Conqueror's) at 40s. It was one leuca<sup>8</sup> long and half an one broad, and paid to the King 9d. in the gelt,<sup>9</sup> or tribute, and *Humphrey* held it under *Ralph*.

<sup>7</sup> Ralph had a grant of the manor of Stodey, likewise, in this hundred, &c.

<sup>8</sup> Spelman, in his Glossary, says the leuca in *Domesday* means one mile only, but 'tis in general found that two miles of the present measure answer much better the definition of that word.

<sup>9</sup> Terre Ranulfi fratris Ilgeri

In Edisfelda tenet Humfridus q'm. tenuit Bondus lib. T. R. E. ii car. t're.

Heroldi, sep. ii villi. et vii bor. ii ser. sep. in d'nio. ii car et ho'um ii car. silva ad c por. v ac. p'ti. mol. mo. ii runc. tc. vii por. mo. xxiii tc. vii ov. mo. lxxx tc. xiii cap. mo. xxi tc. vas ap. mo. ii et xvii soc. de xxiii ac. t're. ist. sunt in super. car. tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xl. & ht. i leug. in long. et d. in lat. et ix den. in gelt.

The ancient family of *de Edisfeld* (descended perhaps from *Humphrey* abovementioned,) had this lordship.

*William de Edisfeld* was lord and patron in the time of *Henry II.* 1154. His son, *Peter de Edisfeld*, succeeded him, and was (with *Robert Fitz-Roger*) sheriff of *Norfolk*, in the 3d of *Richard I.* 1191. He left by *Hawisia* his wife, an only daughter and heiress, *Letitia*, who marrying *Sir William de Rosceline*,<sup>1</sup> this estate descended to their son, *Sir Thomas Rosceline*, to whom *Henry III.* in his 51st year, 1266, granted free warren in his demean lands in this town, *Walcote*, *Nor-ton*, *Hekingham*, *Drayton*, *Tusburgh*, &c.

*Letitia*, his mother, being left a widow, married *Sir Roger de Thurkeby*, who, with his wife, presented to this church in the 3d of *Edward I.* 1274.

*Sir Peter de Rosceline*, the son of *Sir Thomas*, succeeded, and in the 14th of *Ed. I.* 1285, claimed view of frank pledge, and assise of bread and beer amongst his tenants; in the 22d year of the said reign, 1293, he had a summons to attend the King at *Portsmouth*, in order to accompany him to undertake the recovery of *Gasconie*, then possessed by the *French King*; and in 1300 and 1312, he presented to this church. In King *Edward the Second's* time, great disturbances arising between that King and his Barons, on account of his favourites, the *Spencers*, *Sir Thomas de Rosceline*, the son of *Sir Peter*, and the then lord of this manor, seems to have been on the Barons side, as in the 16th of *Edward II.* 1322, he was in rebellion against that King, and forfeited this manor, then valued at 15*l. per ann.* and that of *Walcote*, then valued at 17*l.*

In the 2d of *Ed. III.* 1328, he was banished, with many others, for taking part with the Earl of *Lancaster* against the great favourite *Mortimer*, but appears to have been restored to favour and his estate the following year.

In the 8th of *Edward III.* 1334, he confirmed by deed, this manor with that of *Norton*, and their advowsons, and the advowson of *Whetacre*, to *Alexander de Walcote*, and *Adam*, parson of *Eggesfeld*: he was living in the tenth, but died without issue before the 15th year of the same reign, 1341; and, by his will, gave lands for a chaplain to pray for his soul, and for the soul of his grandfather, in the chapel of *St. Mary* the Virgin, founded by his grandfather in his manor here.

His inheritance came to his six sisters and coheirs.

*Margery*, the eldest, married *Sir John Champaine*; - - - - the 2d, married *Ralf de Bokenham*; *Alice*, the 3d, married *Sir William Daye*; *Joan*, the 4th, married *John Lord Willoughby of Eresby*; *Maud*, the 5th, married *Sir Robert Tiffen*; and *Mary*, the 6th, married *Sir John Camois*.

*John Lord Willoughby*, and *Joan* his wife, had the several shares of the others in this manor, &c. conveyed to; them for in the 23d of *Edward III.* 1349, this lord died seized of the whole; and *Joan* his wife, surviving him, married *Sir William Synthweyt*, who presented to this church in 1352.

*John Lord Willoughby*<sup>2</sup> was son and heir, and died seized of this manor, &c. in the 46th of *Edward III.* leaving *Robert Lord Wil-*

<sup>1</sup> Rosceline bears for his arms, gules, three round buckles, bost, or.

<sup>2</sup> He married Cecily, eldest daughter

of Robert de Ufford Earl of Suffolk, and coheirress of her brother, William de Ufford Earl of Suffolk.

*loughby*, his son and heir, who, in the 6th of *Richard II.* settled this estate on his son, *William*, and *Lucea* his wife, and the heirs of their bodies, with the remainder to his heirs.

He (*Robert Lord Willoughby*) sealed with the arms of *Beck*, or *Beke*, to which family he was heir :

The seal is round, about the size of a crown piece; the arms are *gules*, a cross moline, *argent*, on his helmet a pair of horns issuing out of a coronet; on each side of the arms a lion sejant, guardant, supporting a lofty flourishing tree, and round the rim these words:

*Æ: Roberti: de: Willughbi: domini: erp̄by:*

On his death, in the 20th of *Richard II.* he was succeeded by his son and heir, *William Lord Willoughby*, who died at *Edgefeld* in the 11th of year of *Henry IV.* leaving *Robert Lord Willoughby*, his son and heir, aged 24 years, lord of this manor and of *Walcote*, *Whetacre*, *Chetgrave*, and *Roughton*.

This *Lord Robert* died in the 30th of *Henry VI.* leaving *Joan* his daughter, then a minor of 7 years of age, but afterwards married to *Sir Richard Welles*; she had no interest in this lordship, that being entailed on the heirs male, so that it came to *Sir Robert Willoughby*, son of *Thomas*, a younger brother to the late *Robert Lord Willoughby*, with the honour, &c.

In this family of *Willoughby*, Lords of *Eresby*, it remained till the death of *William Lord Willoughby*, on the 19th of *October*, 18th of *Henry VIII.*; it then descended to his daughter and sole heir, *Catharine*, who had livery of it in the 26th of *Henry VIII.*

She was afterwards 4th wife of *Charles Brandon Duke of Suffolk*, but surviving him, and having no issue, she married again, and brought this estate to her 2d husband, *Richard Bertie*, Esq.

She was a lady remarkably zealous for the reformation, and, on that account, was obliged, in the fiery days of *Queen Mary*, to take refuge in foreign countries; by this husband she had a son, called *Peregrine*, (being born abroad in these times of trouble and distress) who, on the death of his mother, in the 23d of *Elizabeth*, had a summons to parliament as *Lord Willoughby of Eresby*, and from him the present *Duke of Ancaster* is descended.

*Richard Stubbs*, Esq. purchased this manor and advowson of *Thomas Cropley*,<sup>3</sup> Esq. about the first of *Elizabeth*.

He died about the 19th of *James I.* and was succeeded by his eldest daughter and coheir, *Dionesia*, Lady of *Sir William Yelverton of Roughton*, Bart. who held this manor, &c. till the 5th of *Charles II.*

*Lady Mary Jermyn*, relict of *Sir Thomas Jermyn*, Bart. of *Rushbrook* in *Suffolk*, was then lady and patroness.

At her decease, in the 33d of *Charles II.* *Thomas Newton*, Gent. succeeded. In the 12th of *William III.* *Thomas Marcon*, Gent. was lord; and in the 11th of *Queen Ann*, *Jn. Marcon*, Esq. possessed it: he married *Rebecca*, daughter of *Sir Benjamin Wrench*, Knt. as physician at *Norwich*; and after his decease, in 1723, she married Colonel *Harbord*.

<sup>3</sup> Quere, if the Pastons had not this manor before *Thomas Cropley*, Esq. of whom *Stubbs* purchased it in the first of *Elizabeth*, 1558?

*Stubbs* bears for his arms, sable, on a bend, or, between three pheons, argent, as many fermaux, gules.

On her death this manor and advowson came to *John Marcon*, Esq. of *Sraffham*, (son of *Edward Marcon* of *Fornset*, and cousin of the beforementioned *John*;) the present lord and patron.

### BYNHAM PRIORY MANOR, NOW CALLED EDGEFIELD BACON'S.

In the time of *Edward* the Confessor (1041—1063) it appears from *Domesday* book, that *Scet*, a freeman, held here fourscore acres of land, five villains, one borderer, and one carucate of land, pannage for 100 swine, two acres of meadow, and 2 socmen with twelve acres of land, which lay towards *Binham*.<sup>4</sup>

At the conquest this was granted to *Peter de Valoins*, or *de Valeniis*, who in the reign of *Henry* I. (1100—1135) founded the priory of *Bynham*. *Roger de Valoins*, his son, succeeded him, and confirmed 2 parts of the tithes of his lordship here; after him, *Robert* his son, confirmed his whole demesne and lordship, with the homages, wood, alders, and free warren in this parish, to that priory.

During the subsequent reigns of King *Stephen*, *Henry* II. *Richard* I. *John*, *Henry* III. and *Edward* I. this manor, and the possessions of *Bynham* priory in this town were very much encreased by numerous grants and gifts of lands, rents, &c. as appears from the following extract taken from the register of that priory.<sup>5</sup>

*John*, surnamed *Le Strange*, for the health of the souls of King *Henry* the younger, and *Aleanor* his Queen, and of *William* Earl of *Arundel*, his lord, and Queen *Adeliza* his wife, &c. gave to the monks of *Bynham* all the fee that *Ralf de Hunestanton* had in *Eggefeld*, and his son *Simon* after him, and after his brother *Reginald de Brun*, to whom the said *John le Strange* succeeded as right heir.

*Simon*, son of *Hamo*, of *Hemsted*, quitted his claim to them of his right in lands and a mill in *Eggefeld*.

*Maud*, daughter of *Jeffrey de Suerdeston*, gave them 6 acres of land in *Eggefeld* held of the church of *Walsingham*, for the soul of Sir *William*, late of *Eggefeld*.

*Richer de Causton* gave lands in *Eggefeld*, and common in his pasture, and heath, of his whole fee in *Hemsted* and *Plumsted*, for the monks own sheep, where any of his men had common and beasts.

*Stephen de Causton* and *Beatrice* his wife, gave them an acre of land in this town.

*William*, son of *Rosceline*, and *Lettice* his wife, daughter of *Peter* of *Eggefeld*, acknowledged in the King's court at *Norwich*, before Sir *G. de Bocland*, *Fulco de Breant*, *Ralf Gerner*, *Richard de Scyng*, *Jordan de Sankevil*, *Simon de L'Isle*, and *John de Worsted*, clerk, the King's justices itinerant in *Norfolk*, that they had no right to claim freewarren, or common, in the monks of *Bynham* wood, &c. in *Eggefeld*: Witnesses, *Roger de Remerston*, Vicecom: *Fulco Baynard*, *Alexander de Basingborne*, steward of *Pandulfus*, Bishop elect of *Norwich*, &c. &c.

<sup>4</sup> *Terre Petri de Valoniens*:  
In *Edisfelda* ten. *Scet*. lib. ho. T.R.E.  
lx et xx ac. sep. v vill. et i bor. et i car.

*silva* ad c por. ii ac. p'ti. et ii soc. de xil  
ac. t're. et jacet ad *Bineham*.

<sup>5</sup> Extracted from page 87, to page 96,  
&c.

There was likewise another agreement made, on *Friday* before the feast of *All-Saints*, in *Egefeld* churchyard, between the prior of *Bynham*, and Sir *William*, son of *Rosceline*, of all demands of customs, &c. that Sir *William* demanded of the prior's men here, before the prior of *Cokesford*, *William Fitz Simon*, &c. &c. that the tenants of the prior should do only three days work to Sir *William* and his heirs, &c. and therefore should have common as they were wont.

*William de Albeny* and *Maud* his wife, and their son *William*, for *Roger Bigot's* soul, confirmed the gift of *Simon*, son of *Ralf*, to these monks, of lands in *Edgefeld*.

*Ralf*, son of *Richard Mauduit*, gave the monks 12*d.* rent, issuing out of lands here, and two hens yearly.

There was an agreement between the priors of *Bynham* and *Walsingham*, concerning the services of *Reginald* son of *Thomas* of *Holkham*, and others, and likewise concerning 6 acres of land here, and in *Holkham*, with several services assigned to one monastery, and to the other.

*John (de Grey)* Bishop of *Norwich*, recorded the agreement made between the prior of *Bynham*, and *Richard*, parson of *Egefeld*, with the consent of *William* of *Egefeld* the patron, that the prior should have a chapel<sup>6</sup> to hear divine service in, whenever he should come here.

*Simon de Hemsted* and *Avice* his wife, and *Hamo* their son, granted to the monks, the water between *Hempsted* and *Egefeld*, to better the monks mill.

*Ralph*, son of *Alexander*, and *Egefeld*, gave the services of *Michael de Aldeby* here, to the monks.

*Simon* of *Hemsted*, by fine levied the 18th of *Henry III.* 1234, granted 18 acres of land in this town to the monks.

*Alice de Melton*, in her widowhood, confirmed to the monks 6*d.* yearly rent, payable by *Agnes Maudit*.

*Ralf Maudit* of *Egefeld* granted to the monks of *Bynham*, all his lands here, with a messuage, and his right in the lands, formerly *John Godchep's*, with the dower of *Alice de Melton*, wife of his brother *Roger*, and the lands of *Agnes* his sister; the prior regranted to him and *Maud* his wife, a messuage for life, with 7 quarters of barley, and 8*s.* yearly, and finding for their son, *Richard*, convenient livelihood, in meat and drink during life.

*John de Steplinge* gave to the prior, &c. 6*d.* yearly rent out of certain lands in this parish, mentioned in the deed.

*Beatrix*, relict of *Stephen de Causton*, gave to *William* her son, her land here held of the prior, called *Eggefeld Roch*. She and her son afterwards released all their right in this land, to the prior, &c.

*Thomas*, son of *William de Lose*, released to these monks all his right in a piece of land here bounded, as in the deed.

*Richer de Causton* gave the monks lands here, abutted, as in the deed, dated in the 50th of *Henry III.* 1265, and *Hugh* his son gave them other lands.<sup>7</sup>

The prior and convent likewise made some grants of lands, in this town.

*Ralf*, prior of *Bynham*, and the convent, gave to *Henry de Lenna*,

<sup>6</sup> Quere, if this is not the chapel on the south side of the church, the screen, of which is painted ?

<sup>7</sup> To every one of these grants, agree-ments, &c. there are several witnesses.

nephew of *Fingern*, the archdeacon, the land here contained within the limits mentioned in the deed, he paying them 9s. yearly rent.

The prior of *Bynham*, &c. gave to *Roger le Newman*, and *Robert* his son, 6 acres of land here, they paying 3s. yearly rent, and giving 6 marks to the prior, &c.

*Milo*, prior of *Bynham*, &c. granted to *Rulf Wrong* 20 acres of land here, and a messuage abutted as in a deed.

*Peter*, prior of *Bynham*, &c. gave to *Richard*, son of *Simon de Hempsted*, lands here.

After these grants, rents, &c. &c. there follows in the register, a rental of the priory's manor, in *Eggefild*, containing the names of the tenants, the rents, parcels of land, &c.

The prior of *Bynham*, in the 14th of *Edward I.* 1285, claimed view of frank pledge, and assise of bread and beer, in *Eggefild*, *Gunthorp*, and *Salthus*, &c.

On the 11th of the kalends of *May*, (21st *April*) 1378, *Henry* Bishop of *Norwich*, (with the consent of the prior and convent of *Bynham*, *Richard*, parson of *Eggefild*, and *Robert Lord Wylughby*, patron of the church) ordained that the rector of *Eggefild* and his successors, should have the tithes, arising from the lands of the prior and convent of *Bynham*, in *Eggefild*, except the tithe of wood, and underwood, and of what was left on their lands for the feed of their cattle, and that the rector of *Eggefild* and his successors should pay to the prior and convent of *Bynham*, and their successors, 33s. 4d. yearly for ever.\*

The seals of the Bishop—of the prior and convent of *Bynham*—of the abbot and convent of *St. Alban's*—of *Richard*, parson of *Eggefild*—of *Robert Lord Wylughby*, patron of the church, and of many others, are set to this agreement.

In the 7th of *Henry VI.* 1428, the temporalities of the priory in, this town were valued at 10*l.* 18*s.* *per ann.*—The spiritualities at 40*l.* *per ann.*

The priors of *Bynham* continued lords of this manor till the 36th *Henry VIII.* 1545, when this priory, amongst others, being suppressed the manors and estates belonging to it came into that King's possession, and were by him granted away to divers of his subjects.

This manor and estate, with all its appertinances, rights, privileges, &c. &c. and the great wood in *Eggefild*, then called *Prioure wood*, were granted by the letters patent of *Henry the VIII.*<sup>b</sup> (bearing date the 3d of *March*, 1545, 36th of *Henry VIII.*) in as full and ample a manner as before possessed by the prior and convent, to Sir *William Butts*,<sup>c</sup> and his heirs for ever, with other manors and estates in other counties, upon his paying into the treasury, the sum of 767*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Sir *Nicholas Bacon*,<sup>d</sup> the first baronet, marrying *Ann*, heiress of the *Butts* family, came next into the possession of this manor and estate, about the 9th of *James I.* 1611, and in this family it continued till the 9th of *Charles II.* 1657, when Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. and the trustees of his father sold it to *Edward Cooper*, Gent. of *Edge-*

\* Ex Autogr. penes D. Tanner, Cant. Pr.

<sup>b</sup> These are in the possession of John Fenn, Esq. the present lord of this manor.

<sup>c</sup> Butts bears for his arms, azure on

a chevron, ermin, between three estoils argent, as many lozenges, gules—Crest, a bay horse's head couped.

<sup>d</sup> Bacon bears gules, on a chief argent, no mullets, sable.—Crest, a boar passant, ermine.

*field*, whose ancestors had been possessors of lands in this parish before the time of King *Edward III.* 1327, as appears by an old feoffment of Sir *Thomas Rosceline's*, wherein he confirmed "to *Walter Meyns*, a piece of land in *Eggefild*, lying next the lands of *John le Cupre*, on the east; the descendants of this *John* continued purchasing there at different times, till the extinction of the male line of this family, which ended in *Edward Cooper*, Gent. son of *Edward* abovementioned, who dying unmarried in the 9th of *Ann*, 1710, devised this manor and his whole estate in this parish, to the Rev. *Edward Fenn*,<sup>1</sup> clerk, his nephew, second son of *Mary* his sister, wife of *William Fenn*, Gent. whose ancestor was Capt. *John Fenn*, of the city of *London*, Esq.

In this family it has continued ever since, and *John Fenn*, of *East Derham*, Esq. in this county, is the present lord, and possessor of the estate.

THE CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, as appears by the will of *Adam Dalyson*, parson there, dated the 16th of *August*, 1451.

The steeple is octangular, the church has two isles, and two porches leaded, the chancel is tiled.

On the north chancel window, *St. Peter*.

On the east window, *gules*, three round buckles, bost, or; the arms of *Rosceline*.

In the chancel the arms of *Beck*, or *Beke*, and *Ufford*, quarterly, first, *gules*, a cross moline, *argent*; second, *sable*, a cross engrailed, or; third, as the 2d; fourth, as the 1st:

Likewise *argent*, a sarcelle, *gules*; and *gules*, two keys, saltierwise, or.

A mural monument for *Amy*, wife of *Thomas Horseley*, clerk; arms, *gules*, three horses heads coupé, *argent*, bridled, *sable*.

In the church, the arms of *Beck* and *Ufford* as before—of *Cooper*, *azure*, a saltier engrailed, between four trefoils, or, on a chief *argent*, three dolphins naiant, of the first;—crest, a lion's head erased, *argent*, gorged, with a chaplet, *vert*—of *Pell*, *ermine*, on a canton, *azure*, a pelican, or.

On a plate the following inscription—

Orate, p. aiab; Petri Fenn et Alicie,  
Aror. ej; quor. aiab; p'piciet Deus.

The following are prettily painted on the skreen, which encloses the south chapel.

Orate pro aiab; William. Warstong et uxoris eius  
Anno Dni M°. ccccxxviii.

A woman, and six daughters kneeling.

A man, and seven sons.

In Domino co'fido  
Memento sine' quia morieris.

On wood,  
Four angels  
carved.

<sup>1</sup> Fenn bears argent on a fess azure, three escallop shells of the first, within a bordure engrailed of the 2d.—Crest, a dragon's head erased, *argent*, about his neck and collar, *azure*, charged with

three escallops of the 1st—Motto, FERIO TEGO. Fenn also bears for a crest, a plume of three ostrich's feathers *argent*.



On a flat stoqe,

*Here lyeth the body of Edward Cooper, Gt. who died the 26, day of Novemb. in year 1710, aged 50 years.*

On another stone,

*Here lyeth the body of William Pell, Gent; who departed this life the the 21, day of October, 1710, aged 52, years—And also Lydia Pell, his relict, who died the 12th of January 1732.*

Lady Alice Willoughby, was buried here 14 of June 1595.

The church is a rectory, the old value was 17 marks—*Peter-pence* 9d. and the prior of *Bynham* had a portion of tithe valued at 40s. per ann.

The temporalities of *Fakenham dam*, 1d.

The present value in the King's books is 11*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.*—Tenths 1*l.* 2*s.* 8*d.*—First fruits. 10*l.* 4*s.*—Synodals 2*s.* 4*d.*—Procurations. 2*s.* 10*d.*

It is in the archdeaconry of *Norwich*, and deanery of *Holt*.

In the church was the guild of *St. Thomas*.

*Simon Woodrow*, an inhabitant of this parish, by his will dated October 1, 1639, gave to *Henry* his son 13 acres of land in *Edgefield*, charged with the payment of 50*s.* annually for ever, to the minister and church-wardens of this parish, 40*s.* of which they were to expend yearly in relieving poor widows belonging to their parish, and 10*s.* was to be expended in repairing and beautifying the church.

## RECTORS.

1154, *Richard*, priest of *Egefild*, presented by *William*, son of *Peter de Edisfeld*.

1189, *Ralf*, priest of *Egefild*.

1216, *Stephen*, priest.

1274, ———, by Sir *R. de Thurkeby* and *Lettice* his wife.

1300, *Robert de Langele*, priest, by Sir *Peter Rosceline*.

1312, *Adam de Billokeby*, priest, by Sir *Peter Rosceline*.

1334, ———, by Sir *Thomas de Rosceline*.

1352, *Hugh Wuuncy*, priest, on the resignation of *Billokeby*, who changed for *Mulkeberton*, by Sir *William de Synythweyt*.

1360, *William de Rathilby*, priest.

1368, *John de Shendilby*

1369, *Richard Wade*, priest, by *William Lord Zouche*, of *Haryngworth*, &c.

1378, *Richard* ———, rector, by *Robert Lord Wylughby*.

1390, *John in le Ker*, rector

1440, *Adam Dalyson*, rector.

1452, *Roger Byntre*,\* capellanus.

1458, *John Annottyson*, rector.

1484, *William Eluys*, clerk,

1509, *Thomas Seniler*, rector.

1512, *Thomas Sneyde*, clerk, by Lady *Margaret Willoughby*.

1549, *Henry Bacon*, clerk.

\* Quere, whether these were rectors?

- 1594, *John Martin*, rector, by *Richard Stubbs*, Esq.  
 1614, *Edmund Gurney*, clerk, by *Richard Stubbs*, Esq.  
 1620, *John Martin*, clerk, by *Richard Stubbs*, Esq.  
 1693, *Arthur Gallant*, rector.  
 1713, *Robert Cubit*, rector.  
 1729, *William Herring*, LL.D. rector, by *John Jermy*, Esq. patron of this town only.  
 1743, *William Herring*, on the resignation of *Dr. Herring*, by *Rebecca Harbord*, widow.  
 1747, *Thomas Bott*, rector, by *Rebecca Harbord*, widow.  
 1754, *Lancaster Framingham*, rector by *John Marcon*, Esq.  
 1764, *Bransby Francis*, rector, on the resignation of *Framingham* by *John Marcon*, Esq.

## GUNTHORP.

THE Conqueror had a lordship here consisting of half a carucate of land, held by *Alvin*, in King *Edward's* time, with 4 borderers, pannage for 4 swine, one acre of meadow, and one carucate and an half valued then at 20s. at the survey at 40s. and this was added to it, out of the land of *Ailmar*, Bishop of *Elmham*. It was one leuca long, and four furlongs broad, and paid 6d. 4. gelt.<sup>5</sup>

Here was also another lordship belonging to the Conqueror, of one carucate of land belonging to the King's manor of *Causton*, (in *South Erpingham*, which King *Harold* held,) to which there belonged eleven borderers; there was one carucate in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. with 2 acres of meadow, and this manor was valued, &c. in *Causton*.<sup>6</sup>

The first lordship abovementioned was held at first of the King, by the ancient family of *Avenel*, and after of the honour of *Clare*, and the last mentioned lordship by the family of *De Mey*, &c. and each of them had a moiety in the advowson. I shall therefore treat of them jointly, and according to the series of time.

*Ralph Avenel* paid 10 marks to the King in the first of *Henry II.* to have soc and sac of his lordship; and in 1201, *William*, son of *Robert le Mey*, had 20s. lands, formerly the King's demean, granted by *Henry I.* and held (as I take it) with *Causton*, by grand serjeanty, the keeping a hound (*brachettus*) for the King.

In the 47th of *Henry III.* *Richard de Clare* Earl of *Clare* was the capital lord, and a suit was then commenced on his withdrawing the lete from the sheriff and the King.

<sup>5</sup> Terra Regis—In Gunethorp, de car. tre qua' ten. Aluvin. T. R. E. iiii bor. silva ad iiii por. i ac. pti. sep. i car. et d. tnc. val. xx sol. mo. xi. huic man. ad. dit' et hoc de t're Almeri Epi. et ht. i leug. in lon. et iiii quar. in lat. et vi

et obolu' in gelt.

<sup>6</sup> In Gunethorp, i car. tre. p'tinet in Caustune, tc. xi bor. mo. vi sep. i car. in d'nio sep. i car. hou' silva iiii por. ii ac. pti. ii por. xxiiii ov. hoc totu' p'ti. net in Causton.

In the 9th of *Edward I.* a fine was levied between *Bartholomew le Mey* of this town, *Bartholomew de Bodham*, and *Ralph Avenel*, by which it was agreed that *Bartholomew Mey* and his heirs should have the first presentation to this church; *Ralph Avenel* and his heirs, the 2d, *Mey* the 3d, *Avenel* the 4th, *Bartholomew de Bodham* the 5th, and *Avenel* the 6th; but after this, *Ralph*, son of *Bartholomew de Mey*, &c. conveyed their right to *Ralph Avenel*.

*Alice*, late wife of *Ralph Avenel*, sued, in the 28th of the said King, *John*, son of *Ralph*, for dower claiming a moiety of a messuage, 200 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 15 of wood, 30 acres of pasture, and 40s. rent in this town, *Bathely*, and *Sharnton*, with a moiety of the advowson of this church.

*Ralph le Mey* and *John Avenel* were lords in the 9th of *Edward II.* and held in this town and *Batheley*, one fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*.

In the following year, *John* son of *Andrew Avenel*, as a trustee, settled on *John Avenel*, and *Joan* his wife, in tail, 5 messuages, 100 acres of land, 20 of meadow, 40 of pasture, and 40s. rent in this town, and *Sharnton*, with the advowson of this church.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* *Joan*, relict of *John Avenel*, was patroness: she, with *John le Mey* and his parceners, were lords.

In the 22d of *Richard II.* *John Avenel* and *Ralph le Mey* held one fee of the Earl of *March*, and had the lete.

After this, *Avenel's* interest here came to the *Welbys*, by the marriage of *Jane*, daughter and heir of *John Avenel*, with *William de Wilby*, of an ancient family who had considerable lordships and estates in *Lincolnshire*, and the said *Joan*, relict of *William de Wilbeygh*, presented to this church in 1396.

In the 3d of *Henry VI.* I find the *Meys* to have an interest here, but after I meet with no mention of them, so that I conclude the whole was vested in the *Welbys*.

In the 18th of *Henry VI.* *William Wilby* was lord and patron; and on his death, in the said year, *Thomas* was found to be his son and heir, and died possessed of it, May 18, in the 5th of *Henry VIII.* *William*, his son and heir, being aged 19.

On the death of *Thomas Wilby*, of *Hindringham*, Esq. it came to *Gregory Davy*, Esq. by the marriage of *Catharine*, daughter of the said *Thomas*.

*Gregory Davy*, Esq. died lord in the last year of *Philip* and *Mary*, and was succeeded by his son, *Richard*, who was lord and patron, on whose death, in the 17th of *Elizabeth*, *Christopher Davy* was found to be his son and heir, by *Ann* his wife, daughter of *William Cobb*, Esq. of *Sandringham*; *Christopher* married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Clement Pagrave*, of *Norwood Barningham*, by whom he had *Gregory*, his son and heir.

In the 20th of the said Queen it was purchased of the aforesaid *Christopher*, by *Richard Godfrey*, Esq. who was lord and patron; and ——— *Godfrey*, Esq. a master in Chancery, sold it to *James le Heup*, Esq.

In 1740, *Isaac le Heup*, Esq. was lord and patron.

He left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth* married to ——— *Lloyd*, Esq. and ——— married to Sir *Edward Williams*, Bart. of *Langoyne* castle in *Breconshire* in *Wales*.

## BINHAM PRIORY MANOR.

*Peter Lord Valoins* had the grant of a lordship at the Conquest, which a freeman of King *Harold* possessed, of half a carucate of land 7 borderers and one servus, and 2 carucates, &c. one acre of meadow valued at 10s.; this he had livery of to make up his manor of *Berney*.<sup>7</sup>

*Peter Lord Valoins*, grandson of the aforesaid lord, gave to this priory all his lands in this town, and they were confirmed by *Robert* his brother, with the homages and a marsh.

*William de St. Plouch* released all the lands which he and his father *William*, held; and *Roger*, son of *Richard de Gunethorp*, gave lands, &c.

The prior had view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer of his tenants, in the 14th of *Edward I.* and his temporalities in 1428 were valued at 3*l.* 2*s.* and 3*d.* per ann.

At the Dissolution it was granted by King *Henry VIII.* in his 33d year, to *Thomas Paston*, knight, or as some accounts say, Bishop *Rugg* exchanged it in the 34th of that King, with *Dersingham* inappropriate rectory, &c. and gave to that knight the manor of *Paston*, &c.

The tenths were 9*l.* 10*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 6*s.* Temporalities of *Wal-singham* priory, 3*s.* 4*d.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *St. Mary*; the old valor was 21 marks, paid *Peter*-pence, 6*d.* 0*b.* The present valor is 13*l.*

## RECTORS.

*Osgotus de Gunthorp* was rector in 1106.

1301, *Ralph de Reydon* instituted rector, presented by the King.

1302, *William de Brusyard*, by *Ralph le Mey*.

1349, *John de Bodham*, by *Joan*, relict of *John de Avenel*.

1349, *John de Baldeswell*. Ditto.

1396, *Nicholas Wylbeygh*, by *Joan*, relict of *William de Wilbeygh*.

1420, *Thomas Bryston*, by *William Wilebrey*.

*Henry Nicholas* occurs rector in 1605, and was succeeded by *John Carter*, who compounded for his first fruits in June, 1608.

In 1638, *Robert Chapman* compounded.

*John White*, rector.

1722, *Thomas Simpson*, by *Richard Godfrey*, Esq.

1750, *Samuel Alston*, by *William Alston*, clerk.

1758, *Cuthbert Sewell*, by *Elizabeth Lloyd*, widow.

*James Boleyn* of *Gunthorp*, buried in the church in 1492, and gave legacies for the keeping of his anniversary, &c.—*Gregory Davy*, Esq. buried in the church, September 16, 1558.

<sup>7</sup> Terre Petri Valoniensis—In Guana por. i ac. p'ti. at val. x sol. hec t'ra  
torp i lib. Heroldi de d. car. t're. semp. fuit sibi lib'ata ad p'ficiendu' s. maneriu'  
vi bor. et i ser. sep. ii car. silva ad iii Berneia.

## HEMPSTEDE

WAS a beruite to the King's manor of *Holt*, with 30 acres; 5 borderers belonged to it with one carucate, and half a carucate of the tenants, &c. then valued at 5s. and 4d. and at the survey at 33s. and 3d. and was one leuca long and one broad, and paid 7d. gelt.<sup>8</sup>

A family, who took their name from this town, were early enfeoffed of it. In the 29th of *Hen. II.* *Simon de Hempstede* and *Hamo* his son quit claimed to *Henry de Marisco* and his heirs, the advowson of this church for 6 marks of silver, at *Northampton*, before *Ralph Glaunvile*, justiciary of the King, *Roger*, son of *Reynfr.* *William Basset*, and *William Mald*, *Camerar. Regis.*<sup>9</sup> This *Hamon*, called also *de Empstede*, gave lands to *Castleacre* priory, lying near *Holt* mill.

In the 24th of *Henry III.* *Richer*, son of *Hugh de Causton*, and *Julian* his wife, *Stephen de Causton*, and *Beatrice* his wife, grant to *Simon*, prior of *Norwich*, the advowson of this church and that of *Plumstede*.

*William de Ormesby* and *Agnes* his wife, grant, in the 22d of *Edward I.* to *Henry*, prior of *Norwich*, the advowson of this church for 20l.;<sup>1</sup> and in the said year, settled by fine, on *John* their son, and *Catharine* his wife, this lordship, with that of *Gestwyke*, remainder to *Robert* and *William* their sons; but some disputes arising about the right of this advowson, it was conveyed to the prior by another fine, in the 31st of that King, by the aforesaid *William* and *Agnes*, after a solemn inquisition, when it was found that the prior and his predecessors were possessed of it before the statute of mortmain.

In the said year *Sir Robert de Hengham* bought of *William de Ormesby*, and *Agnes* his wife, a mill, with the pool in *Hemstede*, with several villains, rents and services, *William* and *Agnes*, and the heirs of *Agnes*, to have the liberty of first grinding therein, but not to erect any mill here.

*William de Ormesby*, by his deed, dated at *Ouby*, on *Thursday* after the feast of *St. Paul*, confirmed to *Sir Robert* the grant of the water-mill, called *Wademill*, with the pool in *Henstede* and *Holt*, with all the fishing, in as ample a manner as *Agnes* his mother and her ancestors ever had, paying 40s. per ann. and *Sir John de Ormesby* was lord in the 20th and 24th of *Edward III.* and is said to hold it of the Earl of *Albemarle*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the Lady *Alice Caley*, relict of *Sir William Caley*, of *Oby*, had this lordship; and by *Agnes*, one of their daughters and coheirs, it came to *Sir Jh. de Harsike* of *Southacre*, by marriage. *Sir Rog. Harsike* his son enjoyed it; and by the marriage of *Joan*, one

<sup>8</sup> Terre Regis—Huic manerio (*Holt*) jacet i beruita in Henepsteda de xxx ac. sep. v bor. et car. et ho'um dim. car. silva ad vi por. sep. viii por. tnc. v sol.

et iiiid. mo. xxx ii sol. et iiid. et habet i leug. in long. et i in lat. et viid. in gelt.

<sup>9</sup> Regist. Cath. Norw. i fol. 102.

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Cath. Norw. 1. fol. 103.

of his daughters and coheirs, it was brought to *Richard Dorward*, Esq. who possessed it in the 33d of *Hen. VI.*; from the *Dorwards* it came by marriage to *John Wingfeld* of *Dunham Magna*, and *Thomas Wingfeld* and *Elizabeth* his wife conveyed it by fine, in the 28th of *Henry VIII.* to *Thomas Jermyn*.

*Mr. Newman*, Gent. was lord, and his son, *William Newman*, Esq. of *Baconsthorp*, was lord in 1720.

### LOSE-HALL.

*Richer*, son of *Hugh de Causton*, and *Julian* his wife, confirmed to *Thomas*, son of *William de Lose*, for 60s. of silver, lands, with the homage of *Roger de Bruario*, and *Richard* his son, and the said *Thomas* was found to hold half a fee in demean. *William de Lose* was found to die seized of it in the 16th of *Edward I.* and *Thomas* was his son and heir, on whose death, *Claricia* his sister, wife of *Thomas de Ubbeston*, was his heir.

After this, it was in the priory of *Norwich*, in the 9th of *Edward II.* who, in the first of *Richard III.* grant it to *Henry Heydon*, on his releasing to them certain lands in *Hindringham*, who died lord, as did *John Heydon*, in the 19th of *Edward IV.*

The manor-house, now demolished, stood in a close adjoining to the church.

*Sir Christopher Heydon* held it at his death, in 1579; his son, *Sir William*, in the 34th of *Elizabeth*, assigned it to *Thomas Fermor*, Esq. of *East Barsham*, for payment of debts, and soon after, *Thomas Croft*, Esq. and *Thomas Orburgh*, Esq. had a *præcipe* to deliver it to *Edmund Stubbe*, Esq. and *Thomas Thetford*, Esq.

### PRIORY MANOR.

The prior of *Norwich* had possessions in the 2d of *Henry II.* when they granted lands to *Henry de Marisco*;\* and *Philip de Candos* gave, in 1176, lands to *John* Bishop of *Norwich*, which Pope *Alexander III.* confirmed by his bull. *Hugh de Causton*, son of *Richer*, gave his part of a watermill, called *Mary's Milne*; with the pool and fishery.

Their temporalities in 1428, were taxed at 3*l.* 7*s.* 4*d.*

The tenths were 3*l.* Deducted 1*l.*

The CHURCH was anciently a rectory, valued at 15 marks. *Peterpence* 7*d.*; but being appropriated to the priory of *Norwich*, by *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, in 1249, a vicarage was settled, taxed at 4 marks, and the patronage of it in the priory. The pretent valor is 7*l.* 2*s.* 6*d.* and the patronage is in the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

### VICARS.

In 1301, *Ralph de Birston* instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Norwich*.

\* Reg. Ecc. Cath. Norw. i. fol. 70.

1322, *Symon de Eggesfeld*, presented by the prior, &c.

1338, *John Chartres*.

1351, *John Wryght*.

1385, *Michael Crow*.

*Robert Walson* was vicar about 1600.

1746, *William Pierce*, by the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

*Richard Chase* occurs vicar in 1742.

Temporalities of *St. Faith's* of *Horsham* were 7*d.*; of *Fakenham-dam* 6*d.*; of *Wayborn* 4*d.*

## H O L T,

IN the Saxon tongue, signifies a wood, from which (it is probable) it derived its name. It was an extensive lordship and royal demesns in the time of the Confessor, who was lord of it, containing 2 carucates of land, 24 villains, and as many borderers, and 2 servi, &c. there were eleven carucates among the tenants, paurage for 60 swine, 6 acres of meadow, 5 mills, a mercate, and a port belonging to it, which was (as I take it) at *Cley*, a beruite to this lordship; as was *Sniterley*, *Batheley*, *Hempstede*, and other neighbouring places, and with *Cley* and *Sniterley* was valued at 20*l.* per ann. and one noctem (entertainment in honey for one day)<sup>3</sup> with 100*s.* and customary dues, but paid to the Conqueror, lord of it, 50*l.* per ann. in money; *Holt* and *Cley* were together, 2 leucas long, and one broad, and paid 2*s.* and 4*d.* gelt. Eight freemen, belonged to it in King *Edward's* time, who had 3 carucates of land and an half; and at the survey *Walter Giffard* (who was Earl of *Bucks*) was lord of it, by a grant of the Conqueror, as his men say; and there then belonged to it one freeman, with 23 acres, under the protection of Earl *Hugh*;<sup>4</sup> and all *Holt*, with its beruites, paid 6*l.* in money, per ann.<sup>5</sup>

Earl *Hugh*, here mentioned, was Earl of *Chester*, and had a grant of this great lordship from the Crown, soon after this survey, and was held by the *Vauxes* of the said Earl, and after by the Earl of *Albemarle*, &c.

The family, of *De Vallibus*, or *Vaux*, were soon after the Conquest enfeoff of this lordship. *Robert de Vaux* held it in the 5th of King

<sup>3</sup> In Domesday Book, Noctes or Noctem, is used for the provision or entertainment of one day, time being counted in the Saxon age by nights.

<sup>4</sup> *Hugh de Abrineis*, Earl of *Chester*.

<sup>5</sup> *Terra Regis*—H. de Holt—ten. Rex Elicar. t're. sep. xxiiii vill. et xxiiii bor. et ii ser. semp. in d'no. &c. sep. hou' xi car. silva ad lx por. v ac. p'ti. v mol. sep. i r. et i mercat. et i port. et xx por. mo. lxxxx ov. est etiam i be-

ruita Claiia, &c. adhuc i beruita in Esniterle, &c. tnc. val. xx lib. et i noctem mellis et c sol. de consuetudine, mo. i libras ad num'u' et Holt et Claiia hab. ii leug. in long. et i in lat. et ii sol. iiiid. in gelt. huic manerio p'tinebant T.R.E. viii lib. ho'es. de iii car. t're. et dim. mo. tenet *Walter Giffard*. p. libatione Regis sic ho'es. sui d'cunt, et adhuc p'tinebat huic man. i lib. ho. xliii ac. mo. Hugo comes tenet eos.

*Stephen*, and gave then 53*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* livery, for lands of his wife's inheritance: in the *Vaux* it continued till the death of Sir *John de Vaux*, in the 16th of *Edward I.* who was a parliamentary baron, &c. and found to hold it of the Earl of *Albemarle*.<sup>6</sup> *Margaret de Riparijs*, Countess of *Devon*, recovered her dower in 7 knights fees in this town, *Cley*, &c. held by *Baldwin*, the late Earl her husband, (see in *Wayborn*,) and the freeman's tenures that *Giffard* held were after united to the capital manor.

### NERFORD'S MANOR.

Sir *John de Vaux* left by *Sybill* his wife, two daughters and coheirs; *Petronilla* the eldest, married Sir *William de Nerford*, who in her right had a moiety of this town: in the 3d of *Edward II.* the said *Petronilla*, then a widow, had a grant of freewarren, and a weekly mercate, on *Tuesday*, and a fair on the eve and day of *St. Matthew*.

Sir *John Nerford* possessed it in the 2d of *Edward III.* settled it on himself, and *Agnes* his wife, daughter of *William de Beresford*, and Sir *Thomas*, his brother, in the 9th of that King, on *Agnes* his wife, and on his death it came to his son *John*.

Sir *John de Nerford*, in or about the 38th of *Edward III.* dying, left *Margery*, his sole daughter and heir, who is said to have vowed a single life; she settled this manor on the Lady *Alice de Nevill*, in which the said Lady *Alice* had an interest, probably as widow of Sir *John*, or Sir *Thomas de Nerford*; this Lady *Alice*, married to her second husband, Sir *John Nevill of Essex*, who presented to this church in 1349, &c. and she in 1375, and 1382.

Soon after her death, *Robert Tyrwhit*, and *Richard Gascoign*, presented to this church, in 1422, as lords, and in 1466, *Elizabeth Dutcheas of Suffolk*.

In the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*, Sir *Christopher Heydon* was lord and patron: by the *Heydons* it was sold to *James Hobart*, Esq. whose son *Edmund* died possessed of it in 1666: his daughter and heir, *Hannah* brought it by marriage to Dr. *William Briggs*, physician, in ordinary to King *William III.* whose son, *Henry Briggs*, D. D. was rector of this church, and chaplain to King *George II.* and died lord and patron in 1748; he married *Grace*, only daughter of *William Briggs*, merchant of *Leverpole*, and left several children.

*William Briggs*, M. D. was son of *Augustine Briggs*, Esq. four times member of parliament for the city of *Norwich*, descended from the *Briggs* of *Salle*.

### ROSS'S MANOR.

*Maud*, youngest daughter and coheir of Sir *John de Vaux*, married *William Lord Ros of Hamlake*, lord of a moiety in her right of this town: *William*, his son and heir, died seized of it in the 17th of *Edward III.*; in this family it continued till *Thomas Lord Ros*, being attainted in the first year of *Edward IV.* for his adherence to King *Henry VI.* *John Tiftoft* Earl of *Worcester* had a grant of it, whose

<sup>6</sup> See Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 529.



sister *Philippa* the said *Thomas Lord Ross* had married, and by her had *Edmund*, a son, and three daughters; *Elleanor*, *Isabel*, and *Margaret*: *Edmund* his son never inherited it, being obliged to live an obscure and private life, but *Elleanor* being married to *Sir Robert Maners* of *Ethale-castle* in *Northumberland*, obtained a grant of it, and his son and heir, *George*, by the said lady, was *Lord Ros*; *Thomas*, his son and heir, was *Earl of Rutland*: *Henry Earl of Rutland*, his son, and the Lady *Margaret*, his wife, sold it in the 1st and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*, to *Thomas Lodge*, Esq. afterwards *Lord Mayor of London*; it came then to *Sir Christopher Heydon*, and so to *Hobart*, and *Briggs*, and was united to the other moiety.

### PERERS MANOR.

The family of *Perers* gave name to it.<sup>7</sup> *Roger de Perers* held one fee in the 18th of *Henry III.* *Robert de Perers* was eschaetor in *Norfolk*, about the 3d of *Edward I.* and held one fee here, in *Edgfeld Letheringset*, &c. of the *Vaur*.

*Sir Roger de Perers* lived in the reign of *Edward II.* and in the 7th of *Edward III.* a fine was levied between *Roger de Perers* and *Alianore* his wife, querents, *William de Sechford*, &c. deforcients; when this lordship was settled on them, remainder to *Gunnora*, widow of *John de Perers*, sister and coheir of *Sir Thomas de Ormesby*, and *John*, son of *John de Perers*, and his heirs in tail, &c.

Of this family was *Alice Perers*, (that being her true name, and not *Peirce*, as she is generally called,) the famous mistress of King *Edward III.* who in his 47th year granted her all the jewels which belonged to *Philippa*, his late Queen, with all her goods and chattels, which were in the possession of *Euphemia*, wife of *Sir Walter de Haselacton*, and delivered to her by the King's order: she had been one of Queen *Philippa's* maids of honour, and married, it is said *Sir Thomas de Nerford*, a younger son of *Sir Thomas*, and brother (as I take it) to *Sir John de Nerford*; which *Sir Thomas* died in 1371, and his will was proved on *November 28*, in that year,<sup>8</sup> wherein he styles himself of *Holt*, and desires to be buried there.

Soon after the death of King *Edward*, being obnoxious to the Duke of *Lancaster*, and other great lords, she was accused of the statute of maintenance, and was attainted *Ad. 1* of *Richard II.* in parliament, and her goods forfeited: but in the 3d year of the said King, (being then the wife of *Sir William de Wyndesore*,) he restored to them divers manors and lands.

The *Greshams* afterwards possessed it, and *Sir John Gresham*, Knt. and alderman of *London*, bought it of his elder brother, *William Gresham*, Esq. in this capital messuage, or manor-house, their father *John Gresham*, Esq. lived, and here the said *Sir John*, and his brother *Sir Richard* (who were lord mayors of *London*) were born; the deed of sale is dated *October 14*, in the 39th of *Henry VIII.* and the purchase was 170*l.* *Sir John* converted it into a school-house, endowing it with this manor, and a grove, called *Prior's Grove*, for 30 free-

Adam de Perers witness to a deed  
sans date.

<sup>8</sup> Regist. Norwich. Lib. Haydon.

scholars, the master to have a salary of 30*l.* *per ann.* and the usher 20 nobles; leaving the patronage and government of it to the fishmongers company of *London*.

In a window of the hall were the arms of Sir *John*, *argent.* a chevron, *ermine*, between three mullets pierced, *sable*, impaling those of his lady, *argent.* a demy lion, *gules*, in a bordure, *sable*, platee: *Mary*, daughter and heir of *Thomas Ipswall*, is said to have been his first lady, and *Catharine Sampson*, his second, relict of *Edward Dormer*, Esq. of *Fulham* in *Middlesex*.

Over the door, of the school, the arms of the fishmongers company, and those of Sir *John*, with this inscription,

*Founded by Sir John Gresham, alderman and citizen of London.*

A scholarship in *Sidney* college, *Cambridge*, belongs to the school, and a fellowship there to the said company: *William Bennet*, citizen and fishmonger of *London*, for 60*l.* paid to the master and fellows, had a grant from them, to himself, the master and wardens, of that company, of a fellowship, to be enjoyed from time to time, by such person of the said college, who is from this school, with the same allowance as the founder gave:—of the *Greshams*, see in *Thorp-Market*.

#### HALES'S MANOR.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* *William de Hales*, *Thomas de Grimsby*, and *William de Norton* held 2 fees in *Holt*, *Leringset*, and *Sherington* of the *Nerfords* and Lord *Ros*, which *Agnes*, late wife of *Peter de Leringset*, held; and in the 25th of that King, Sir *Stephen de Hales* manumitted several villains of this manor; he was a person of great eminency in this county, and taken prisoner by *Litster*, and the *Norfolk* rebels, in the reign of *Richard II.* On his death it came to his brother *Thomas*, whose daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, brought it by marriage, to *William Rokewode*, Esq. of *Warham*: his son *William*, by his will dated in 1474, orders it to descend according to his father's settlement, and leaving two daughters, *Margaret* and *Agnes*, Sir *Nicholas Appleyard* of *Brakenash* enjoyed it on his marriage with *Agnes*: *Roger*, his son and heir, died lord in the 20th of *Henry VIII.* and *John* his son had livery of it, who in the 2d and 3d of *Philip* and *Mary*, conveyed it by fine to Sir *John Gresham*, being held of the manor of *Ros*.

After this it came to *Thomas Hunt*, Esq. soapboiler of *London*, who was lord in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, and *Margaret*, widow of his son *William Hunt*, and daughter of *George Briggs* of *Wiveton*, held it.

*Thomas Tomlinson*, citizen and skinner of *London*, sold it (as is said) with *Holt* mercate, to *James Hobart*, Esq. and so was united to the lordship of *Holt*, *Nerford*, &c.

*Hamon*, son of *Simon de Hempstede* lived in the reign of King *Richard I.* and granted a quitrent of toll in his market of *Holt*, to the canons of *Waltham*, and their tenants, for the soul of *Simon* his father, *Avice* his mother, &c.<sup>9</sup> *Thomas Fitz Symon* gave two hawks to hold his wood here, and in *Cley*, in peace, in the 7th of King *John*,

<sup>9</sup> Reg. *Waltham* in *Bibl. Cotton*; fol. 118.

and *Simon Fitz Simon*, in the 53d of *Henry III.* had a grant of confirmation of the mercate, and of free warren here.

In the 3d of *Edward I.* *Hugh de Caly* was found to hold the mercate in capite, and paying 20s. per ann. and *John de Ormesby* sued several for not paying the toll due at his mercate here, on *Saturday*; but in the 2d of *Henry V.* it is said to have descended from *Sir William Caly*, to his two daughters and coheirs; *Agnes*, married to *Sir John Hareyk* of *Southacre*, and *Alice*, to *John Chpesby*, Esq.; and *Sir Roger* held it with 2 acres of land, called the *Market-place*, and had a right of stallage, picage, toll, &c. *Richard Dorward*, Esq. and *Joan* his wife, &c. daughter and coheir of *Sir Roger Harnick*, owned it, in the 33d of *Henry VI.* and by his daughter and heir, *Margaret*, it came to *Sir Jn. Wingfield*, of *Dunham Magna*, and his descendants. *Thomas Wingfield*, Esq. conveyed it in the 24th of *Henry VIII.* to the *Earl of Rutland*, and being united to his manor of *Ross*, came, as there mentioned, to *Dr. Briggs*.

The tithes were 5l. 4s.—Deducted 6s. 8d.

The temporalities of *Waborne* priory were 2s. 5d.; of *Fakenham-dam* 4s.; of *Castleacre* priory 3s. 4d.; and in 1244, *Sir Hamon de Hempstede*, paid to that priory 10s. rent per ann. out of a mill in this town.\* *Simon* son of *Peter de Cley* confirmed his father's gift, and his own, of a mill, with the third sheaf of his tithe.

On *May* day, 1708, great part of the town was destroyed by a dreadful fire, so fierce that the butchers could not save (as it is said) the meat on their stalls, being *Saturday*.

The CHURCH of *Holt* is a rectory dedicated to *St. Andrew*; the old valor was 30 marks, *Peter-pence* 10d. ob. and the present valor 11l. 17s. 3d.

Before the fire it had a nave, north and south isle, a square tower, with a spire so high as to be a sea-mark; the chancel, after this, was fitted up for the reception of the parishioners. In the south isle of the church was a monument,

*In memory of Mr. Thomas Tallis, school-master of the free-school.*

On the south wall of the chancel is a mural monument,

" Here lyeth the body of *Edmund Hobart*, Gent. of this town, son  
" and heir of *James Hobart*, Esq; by *Hannah* his wife, descended from  
" an ancient and honorable family of that name, in this county that had  
" in *King Henry VII.* and *King James I's* reign, a learned attourney  
" general, and an eminent lord chief justice, the great ornaments of it.  
" He married *Bridget*, daughter of *Woodhall Street*, of *Oxfordshire*,  
" Gent. by whom he had only one daughter, *Hannah*, sole heiress of his  
" estate and manors of this town, since married to *Dr. William Briggs*,  
" in *London*, physitian to his majestie's hospitals, by whose appointment  
" this monument was here placed; he died *February 13, A. D. 1666*, in  
" the 52, year of his age, after he had escaped the malice of the usurper,  
" who for his loyalty to the blessed martyr *King Charles I.* sought after  
" his life, and forced him from his paternal seat to live in obscurity,  
" but his loyalty kept him steadfast thro' the storms of that unnatural  
" rebellion, and here at last he found rest, and expects a blessed  
" immortality."

\* Reg. Castle. 5s. 124.

On the summit the arms of *Hobart*, *sable*, an *estoil*, or, between two *flaunches*, *ermin*.

Against the north wall a mural monument,

*Subjacent reliquæ, spe beatæ resurrectionis, Elizabethæ, filiæ Joh. Ellis de Wymondham, veræ, charæ nec minus piæ conjugis Joh. Newdigate, medici de Holt, quinquies matris liberis, supersunt Edmundus, Maria, et Joh. quæ oût. die septimo Febr. 1710, quarto et quadragesimo ætatis A°.*

On another,

*M. S.—Samuel Butler, nup. de Holt, in agro Norf. pharmacopola, vir pius et ingenij tam alienis quam suis acutus, tot idoneis diversis nominis officijs, quot vitam suam plurimum spectabilem, et mortem multum effecere defendendam, bene de cognatis, amicis et sodalibus meritis, Deo animam, homini famam, terræ corpus, in spem resurrectionis reliquit A. D. 1697, Junij 19, æt. 74.*

In the church were the arms of the Earl *Warren—Vaux—Lord Ross*.

## RECTORS.

*Thomas de Schotesham* instituted rector 1305, presented by the Lady *Petronilla de Nerford*.

1337, *William de Welyngham*, by Sir *Thomas de Nerford*.

1349, *William de Rokhaw*, by Sir *John de Nevill* of *Essex*.

1359, *Richard Atte Lane*. Ditto.

*Hugh de Trickingham*, occurs rector in the 45th of *Ed. III.*

1375, *William Goodwyn*, by the Lady *Alice de Nerford*, Lady *Nevill*.

1382, *William Woolward*. Ditto.

*William Sheringham* occurs rector in 1421, his will then dated.

1422, *William Walkelyn*, by *Robert Tyrwhit*, and *Richard Gascoign*.

1466, *William Weston*, by *Elizabeth* Duchess of *Suffolk*.

*Thomas Bury* in 1554.

In 1578, Sir *Christopher Heydon* was lord and patron.

*Hamon Claxton*, rector of this church, and of *Rollerby*, was ejected in *Oliver's* usurpation, and restored December 10, 1660, when *John Bond* was turned out.

*Thomas Burlington* died rector 1722.

1722, *Henry Briggs*, A. M. died rector, 175-, D. D.; there is a manor belonging to the rectory, presented by *Thomas Bromsfield*, M. D.

1748, *William Smith*, by *Elizabeth Briggs*.

1750, *Joshua Smith*. Ditto.

*Briggs* bears quarterly, *gules*, three bars gemelle, or, and a canton, *sable*, in the 1st and 4th quarter, by the name of *Briggs*, and in the 2d and 3d *Hobart*.

*Henry Briggs* was buried in the chancel, under a black marble,—

Here lieth interred the body of *Henry Briggs* D. D. who was 26 years rector of this parish, and chaplain in ordinary to his majesty, King *George II.* He was diligent in his ministerial office, exemplary in piety, a friend to the distressed, and bountifull to the poor. His whole life

*bespoke him a true christian, ever chearful and preparing for a happy eternity. Reader, according to thy station, go thou and do likewise—He died May 31, 1741, aged 61, leaving behind him to lament his loss, his widow, Grace, and four children, William, Hobart, John and Elizabeth, and one grandchild, Amelia, daughter of his eldest son, who died at Bengal in May, 1747.*

This town gave name to the deanery of *Holt*, taxed at 2 marks and paid *Peter-pence*, 18s.

### DEACONS.

In 1318, *Alan March* was collated to it, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1439, Mr. *Robert de Stratton*, by the Bishop: he was master of *Trinity Hall* in *Cambridge*, &c.

1350, Mr. *Richard Corpsty*, of *Cambridge*.

## HUNWORTH

**W**AS a beruite to the King's manor of *Holt*; to it belonged 3 socmen with 16 acres, an acre of meadow, one carucate and a mill, valued in King *Edward's* reign at 40*d.* at the survey at 11*s.* and was one leuca and 2 furlongs long, and half a leuca broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt, whoever was lord of it.\*

It is worthy of our observation here, to consider what advantages the *Normans*, on the conquest, made of their lands, to what an excessive price and value they raised them, and in so short a space of time; as in the instance here before us, that which produced but 40*d.* per ann. was raised to 11*s.* and that in the space of 20 years, and probably much less, all which was done to oppress the tenants of every degree, most of which were the *English*, and the example set (as here) by the Conqueror himself.

*Worth*, betokens its site to be where 2 rivers meet and unite; and *Hun*, probably, was a name of one of them, a name frequently met with in this county, &c.

*Ralph de Havile* had lands here in grand serjeanty, for keeping the King's hawks in the reign of *Richard I.*

After this, it was possessed by the family of *de Povere*, and in the 14th of King *John*, a fine was leyed between *Roger le Povere* and *Beatrix* his wife, and *Isabella de Studey*, of 30 acres of land in *Ditton*, with a mill in *Huneworth*, called *Sherehung*,<sup>2</sup> held by the service of 5*s.* per ann. and a pound of pepper, of the priory of *Norwich*, by which

<sup>2</sup> Terra Regis — In Huneworda iii ii qr. in long. et dim. in lat. et xiid. in soc de xvi ac. et i ac. p'ti et i car. i mol. gelt. quicu'q; ibi teneat. tnc. val. xld. mo. xi sol. et ht. i leu. et

<sup>3</sup> The clear water of the river Hun.

*Roger* and his wife had the mill, and *Isabel* and her son, *Geffrey*, the land.

*Ditton* was a place or hamlet near to *Huneworth*, as it seems. *Gerard*, prior of *Norwich*, granted to *Hamon*, clerk of *Stodey*, land at *Dittune*, which was late *Ralph Passelew's*, to be held by 5s. per ann.

This land was granted to the church by *Ralph Passelew*, and confirmed by Pope *Alexander III.* in 1176.

*Robert le Povere* had a grant of free warren in the 51st of *Henry III.* and in the 16th of *Edward I.* *Roger le Povere* was found to hold here and in *Holt*, a knight's fee of *Sir John de Vaux*. *Sir John le Povere*, in 25th of that King, conveyed to *Thomas de Birston* certain messuages, mills, and lands here, and in *Stodey*; and in the following year, by his deed, dated at *Stodey*, on Sunday next after the feast of *St. Luke*, to *Peter de Birston*, parson of *Bodham*, one acre of land, with the advowson of of this church. These *Povers* seem to be the same family with the *Perers*.

In the 9th of *Edward II.* *Thomas de Birston*, and *Edmund de Stodey*, were returned to be lords; and *Thomas de Birston* presented to the church as lord, in 1318, as did *John de Stodey*, in 1349, and 1362, but in the year 1378, *John de Ludham* presented; in 1385, *John de Blakeney*; and in 1395, *Simon Baret*, as lords.

For this knowledge we are obliged to the institution books at *Norwich*, having no other record to assist us, books of inestimable value, great antiquity, well kept and preserved, consisting of above 40 volumes in folio.

In 1414, the Lady *Catharine Braunch* presented; and the said Lady, relict of Sir ——— *Braunch*, held it in the 3d of *Henry IV.* In this family the lordship continued some years; *Robert Braunch*, Esq. presented in 1474, and was living at *Stodey*, and witness to the will of *Henry Daniel of Appleton*, in October, 1498; and *John Braunch*, Esq. presented by his assigns to the church of *Stodey*, in 1534.

Soon after it was in the *Bozuns*, and *John Bozun*, Esq. presented to the church of *Stodey*, of which town he was lord, and of this, in 1551.

*Robert Bozune*, Esq. his son, inherited it, and conveyed to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper, who presented to this church in 1585.

It remained in this family till *Sir Edmund Bacon*, Bart. of *Garboldesham*, that last heir male of the family, sold it to *Edmund Britiff*, Esq. with *Stodey*.—*Robert Britiff*, Esq. was lord and patron in 1742, and it came to the Earl of *Buckingham*, who married the daughter and heir of *Britiff*.

*Alan* Earl of *Richmond* had a lordship at the survey, which was held in King *Edward's* time by *Alestan*: there belonged to it 30 acres of land, 8 villains, paunage for 111 swine, half an acre of meadow, 2 mills, and 2 carucates; the whole was valued under *Saxthorp*, and *Ribald* held it of *Alan*.\*

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* the heirs of *Peter Jecks* were found to hold the fourth part of a fee of the Lord *Mowbray*.

*Thomas Fincham*, by his will, dated March 1, 1550, died lord of this manor; soon after it came to *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, who is said to

\* Terre Alani Comiti—Huneurde por. dim. ac. p'ti. ii mol. tnc. ii car. tenuit Alestan T. R. E. et mo. de A. habebant mo. i car. et dim. hoc totu' ap Comite xxx ac. t're. viii vill. silva iii preciatu' c. in Saxthorp. Ide' tenet Ri.  
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be lord of the manor of *Harthill's*, sometime *Fincham's*, and so was united to the other lordship, as will appear.

The manor of *Letheringset* extended into this town. *Walter Giffurd* Earl of *Bucks* had 60 acres belonging to his lordship of *Letheringset*, to which there belonged in the time of King *Edward*, when *Oslak* was lord, 2 carucates, at the survey but one, with an acre of meadow, a mill, and the moiety of another, valued at 10s.<sup>5</sup>

The tenths of this town, with that of *Stodey*, were 4l. 12s. Deducted 1l. 0s. 0d.

The CHURCH of *Hunworth* is dedicated to *St. Laurence*, and is a rectory; the old valor was 6 marks, and *Peter-pence* 7d. The present valor is 4l.

### RECTORS.

1301, *William de Ingham* instituted, presented by *Peter de Birston*.  
1318, *Jeffrey Murden*, by *Thomas de Birston*, *Margery* his wife, and *William* his son.

1349, *William de Stodey*, by *John de Stodey*, citizen of *London*.

1349, *John Atte Parke*. Ditto.

1361, *Geffrey de Horningtoft*. Ditto.

1362, *Robert de Stodey*. Ditto.

1378, *Thomas Sandrers*, by *John de Ludham*.

1385, *William Wardeboys*, by *John de Blakeney*.

1395, *John Hawnyle*, by *Simon Barret*.

*Nicholas Essex*, rector.

1414, *Richard Barnham*, by *Lady Catharine Braunche*.

1430, *William Mason*, by *John Braunch*, Esq.

1474, *William Elys*, by *Robert Braunch*, Esq.

1511, *Robert Atkinson*.

1511, *John Lodge*.

*Edward Scales*, rector.

1569, *Mart. Claxton*, by *Robert Bozune*, Esq.

1585, *Thomas Banke*, by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*.

1593, *William Armstead*. Ditto.

1610, *Christopher Pearte*. Ditto.

*William Armstead*, rector.

*Nicholas Pendlebury*, rector, in 1613.

1625, *Richard Pyle*, by *Sir Edmund Bacon*, Bart.

1654, *John Gryle*, by *Sir Edmund Bacon*, Bart.

1710, *William Sutton*, by *Mary Piggot*, widow.

1719, *John Rust*, by *Robert Britiff*, Esq.

1721, *Benn. Harvey*, by *Ed. Britiff*.

1761, *John Green*, by the Earl of *Buckingham*.

Here was the guild of *St. Laurence*; our *Lady*, and *St. Nicholas's* lights; the chapel of our *Lady* in this church, mentioned in 1376.

In the chancel were the arms of *Bozun*, impaling *L'Estrange* and *Hastings* quarterly, and *Braunch*, argent, a lion saliant, bruised, with a bendlet, sable, crest, a cock's head, azure, combed, and issuing out

<sup>5</sup> Terre Walteri Giffardi ——— In ringaset' tc. ii car. mo. ii ac. p'ti i mol.  
Huneworda. lx ac. et p'tinent ad La- 7d. tc. et sep. val. x sol.

of a coronet, or, on a wreath, *argent*, and *gules*.—*Burston's, Heydon, Ufford, and Beke*, quarterly, and *Burdolf*.

Under a fair gravestone was buried *Edmund Braunche* and *Ann Calthorpe* his wife, with their arms, as *Weaver* says.<sup>6</sup>

The temporalities of the *Lazars* at *Choseic*, were 22*d.*; of *Waborne*, 14*d.*

## KELLING.

**HUGH** Earl of *Chester* had a grant of a lordship in this village, out of which *Osgot*, who was lord in King *Edward's* time, had been ejected; there then belonged to it 3 carucates, 2 villains, 13 borderers, 4 servi, 3 carucates in demean, 4 carucates of the tenants, and an acre of meadow, &c. valued then at 40*s.* at the survey at 60*s.* was one leuca and an half long, and one broad, and paid 18*d.* gelt;<sup>7</sup> and *Ralph* held it under the Earl *Hugh de Albini*, who was a *Norman* lord, son of the Conqueror's sister, and had also of his gift, the manors of *Shropham* in *Shropham* hundred; *Waborn* in this hundred; *Hedenham* in *Lothingland* hundred; with *Sithing* and *Wodeton*; *Fundenhale*, *Eiland*, and *Habeton* in *Depwade* hundred; *Kerby* and *Ravingham*, in *Clavering* hundred.

*Ralph* also held a lordship here of Earl *Hugh*, who had invaded 12 freemen who were under the protection of King *Harold*, and lived in *Waborn*, *Salthouse*, *Killing*, &c. holding 3 carucates of land and 15 acres, with one villain, 25 borderers, and 7 carucates, &c. 4 acres of meadow, 7 mills, valued then at 7*l.* at the survey at 11*l.* per ann. and out of these arose two lordships.<sup>8</sup>

The lordship of this town extended into *Salthouse*, and was held by a family who took their name from it, and had the patronage of the church.

Sir *Hubert de Kelling* was witness to a deed, *sans* date, and lord also of *Salthouse*, where an account may be seen of that family and its descendants, and was that which *Osgot* was deprived of.

## ILKETESHALE'S MANOR

Was that which *Harold's* freemen abovementioned held, and were ejected, and the *Ilketeshalls* possessed it after *Ralph*. Sir *Gilbert de Ilketeshale* was lord of this manor, with that of *Hedenham* in *Norfolk*,

<sup>6</sup> Fun. Menum. p. 326.

<sup>7</sup> Terre Hugonis Comitiss—In Kellinga ten. Osgot. T. R. E. iii car. t're. tnc. ii vill. mo. i tnc. xiii bord. mo. xxii tnc. iiii ser. mo. vi tnc. et p. in d'nio. iiii car. mo. ii tnc. et p. ho'um iiii car. mo. ii car. i ac. p'ti. sep. i r. tnc. iii an. mo. iiii tnc. xi porc. mo. v tnc. xl ov. mo. xviii tnc. val. xl sol. mo. lx sol.

et hab. i leug. et dim. in long. et i in lat. et xvid. in gelt. Idem tenet.

<sup>8</sup> Invasiones—Ranulf tenet de Hugone comite xii libos ho'es. et dim. com'd. Heroldi manentes in Wabrune, in Salthus, et in Challinga, &c. ten. iiii car. t're. xv ac. sep. i vill. xxv bord. tcs vii car. et mo. vi silv. xxx porc. iiii ac. p'ti. vii mol. tc. val. vii lib. mo. vi.



and of *Ilketeshale* in *Suffolk*, from whence they assumed their name; and Sir *Thomas* was his son and heir, as appears from the register of *Holm* abbey, and a fine levied in the 7th of *Henry III.* *Gilbert* was son and heir of Sir *Thomas*, and had a charter for freewarren in *Kelling*, *Salthouse* and *Hedingham*, and *Ilketeshale*, in the 32d of that King.

Sir *James de Ilketeshale* was son of *Gilbert*, and in the 52d of the aforesaid King, mortgaged for 27 marks and an half of silver, to the Lady *Sarra*, prioress of the church of the Holy Cross of *Bungey*, lands, from the feast of the nativity of the Blessed Virgin, to the purification following, and if the money was not then paid, the nuns to have the lands for ever: witnesses, Sir *Henry de Ryveshale*, Sir *William de Brom*, &c.

In the following year, he conveyed an acre of land and the advowson of the church of *St. John Baptist*, of *Ilketeshale*, by fine, to the said priory: he married *Maud*, daughter of *Richard de la Rokele*, and was father of *James de Ilketeshale*, who married *Aliva*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Weland*, the judge, and released to him, his wife, and his heirs, in the 13th of *Edward I.* all his right in this lordship, and died about the 18th of the said reign.

Sir *James*, had, by *Aliva* his wife, a son, *James*, who was also a knight, and took to wife *Ida*, daughter and coheir of Sir *Robert de Stafford*, Knt. by *Gundreda* his wife; and Sir *Robert* was son of Sir *William*, by *Ermetrude* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Robert*, son of *Walkeline*, lord of *Rodbourn*, *Moggynton*, and *Eggynton*, in *Derbyshire*.

In the 6th of *Edward II.* a deed was executed between Sir *James de Ilketeshale* on one part, and *James* his son, and *Ida* his wife, whereby *James* and *Ida* grant the manor of *Kelling* to Sir *James*, for life, and Sir *James* released to them 9*l.* per ann. out of his 15*l.* per ann. annuity, which they were to pay him and *Aliva* his wife, for the manor of *Hedenham*; dated at *Ilketeshale*, on *Monday* next after the feast of *St. Michael*. Soon after it is probable, Sir *James* the father died.

Sir *James de Ilketeshale* was lord in the 9th of *Edward II.* as appears from the famous record called *Nomina Villarum*, and was burnt in the fire of *London*, 1666: he and *Ida* his wife were living in the 15th of *Edward III.* *Ida* his wife survived him, but they both died in the 15th of *Edward III.* and left 2 sons, *Robert* and *Philip*.

*Robert*, in the said year, confirmed this manor in trust to *Robert Gyn*, parson of *Hedenham*, and sealed with *or*, a fess between two chevronels, *gules*, and a canton, *ermine*.

In the 28th of that King, Sir *Philip de Ilketeshale* remitted to Sir *Robert* his brother and *Claricia* his wife, and their heirs, all his right in this manor, by deed dated at *Kelling*, on *Monday* next after the feast of *Pentecost*.

Sir *Robert*, then living at *Hedenham*, confirmed this lordship and that of *Hedenham*, to Sir *William de Kerdeston*, Sir *Thomas Savage*, &c. in trust, by deed dated on *Tuesday*, in *Whitsunday*, in the said year.

Sir *Robert* died before the year 1381, when *Claricia*, his late wife, was the wife of Sir *Robert de Morley*, and she was living in the 15th of *Richard II.* and had dower in this lordship; by the said *Claricia* Sir *Robert de Ilketeshale* had 2 sons, and a daughter, *Joan*, married to

*William de Sharborne*, Esq. to this *William* and *Joan* his wife, *Sir Robert de Morley* and his Lady *Claricia*, demised, as a portion for *Joan*, 100*l.* for 10 years, in the 5th of *Richard II.*

*William de Ilketeshale*, younger son of *Sir Robert*, was living in the 19th of *Richard II.* and released then all his right in the manors of *Kelling* and *Hedenham*, to *William de la Marche*, only surviving feoffee of his father, &c.; and in the said year, the said *William de Marche* confirmed them to *Sir Thomas de Ilketeshale*, son and heir of *Sir Robert*. This *Sir Thomas* married *Isabel*, daughter of ———, afterwards remarried to *William Deyville*, Esq.

In the 4th of *Henry IV.* December 14, *Sir Thomas* settled this lordship, with all its rents, services, &c. and wreck at sea, on his feoffees; *Thomas Astley*, and *John Byrston*, Esq. &c. by his will, dated at *Horseley*, in the diocese of *Winchester*, in May, 1416, wherein he requires his body to be buried in the church of *Horseley All-Saints*, gives to *Isabel* his wife, this manor for life, unless his daughter should marry with the consent of her kinsfolks, then to her on her marriage; to *Philip* his son, an annuity of 20*s.* per ann. 40*s.* to the poor tenants of *Hedenham*, 20*l.* to build a new roof for that church; to *Isabel* his wife, all his goods, and wills a chaplain to pray for him in the church aforesaid for nine years; his will was proved by his wife April 17, in 1417.

It is probable that *Philip* his son, and also his daughter, died *s. p.*; in the 9th of *Henry VI.* *William Deyvill* and the lady *Isabel Ilketeshale* his wife held it, and in the 18th of that King; and in the 38th of that King, the said lady and *Thomas Deyvill* her son were bound to *Laur. Fitz Piers* of *Bernhum-Brome*, Gent. and he to them in bonds of 100*l.* to stand to the arbitration of *John Heydon*, &c. about the right of the manors of *Kelling* and *Hedenham*, by deed dated May 10. About this time there were disputes between his lady and the heirs of *Sir Tho.* her late husband. It appears that he had four sisters; *Joan*, married to *William de Sharnbourn*, Esq. *Idonea*, to ————, whose daughter and heir *Margery*, was wife of *Laur. Fitz Piers* abovementioned; *Margaret* married to *Thomas Seive*, of *Worsted*, and the fourth sister ———— to *Gilbert de Debenham*.

In the 31st of the said King, *John Ovy* and *Cecilia* his wife, *Will. Smith* and *Joan* his wife, *Thomas Jeffreys* and *Margaret* his wife, the three daughters and coheirs of *Margaret Seive*, enfeofed *John* Earl of *Oxford*, and *Sir Miles Stapleton*, of their right in the fourth part of this manor; and in the 7th of *Edward IV.* *Cecilia Ovy*, *Margaret Jeffreys*, *Joan Smith*, &c. conveyed their rights to *Hugh Fenn*, and *Henry Heydon*, and in the 15th of that King, in October *Hugh Fenne* and *John Dynn* release all their right to *John Heydon*, and *Henry Heydon*, Esq. and in the 26th of *Henry VIII.* *Isabel*, widow of *Sir Henry Sherbourn*, and *Thomas* her son, released all their right to *Sir John Heydon*, so the whole became vested in the *Heydon* family, and so remained some time, *Sir Christopher Heydon* presenting to this church in 1603.

*Mr. Lang* of *Baconsthorp*, lord and patron in 1742, and 1745.

The Rev. *Mr. Girdleston* came to this estate on the decease of *Mrs. Lang*.—He is since dead, and his son, a minor, is the present lord and patron.

The tenths were 2*l.* 8*s.*—Deducted 12*s.*

There is an ancient proverb—*As old as Kelling Common.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to St. *Mary*, the old valor was 20 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 9d. the prior of *Waburne* had a portion valued at 20s. the present valor of this rectory.

### RECTORS.

In 1266, Sir *Robert de Kelling* compounded with the Bishop of *Norwich*, for the first-fruits of his two sons, presented to this church, and that of *Salt-house*.

1330, *Steph. de Holewell* was instituted, presented by Sir *Walter de Holewell*, Knt.

1338, Mr. *Robert de Barton*.

1349, *John Baxter*, by *John Avenel*.

1351, *William de Keleby*, by Sir *John Avenel*.

1368, *John de Eggefeld*. Ditto.

*John Godwyn* occurs rector in the 45th of *Edward III.* and in the 2d of *Richard II.*

1379, *John Frowyk*. Ditto.

1422, *William Wright*, by *John Wodehouse*, Esq.

1428, *William Trendell*. Ditto.

1434, *John Candeler*. Ditto.

1458, *William Peper*, by *John Heydon*.

1464, *Robert Awbre*. Ditto.

1483, *Thomas Cosyn*, by *Henry Heydon*, Esq.

1494, Mr. *Edward Bacton*, S.T.P. by Sir *Henry Heydon*.

1521, Mr. *Edmund Gerrade*, S.T.B. by Sir *John Heydon*.

1524, *Henry Devyas*. Ditto.

1554, *John Frost*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.

1558, *Hump. Wilson*. Ditto.

1587, *William Read*, by the Queen, a lapse.

1603, *Thomas Wilson*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.

1608, *Michael Foster*, by the assignees of *Thomas Thetford*.

*Thomas Bainbrig*, rector on his death in

1714, *Thomas Turner*, by *John Lang*, Gent.

1745, *John Beales*. Ditto.

### BINHAM PRIORY MANOR.

Here was also a lordship belonging to *Roger*, son of *Renard*, and held of him by *Ralph*, son of *Hagam*, out of which *Wester*, a freeman of *Guert*, (brother of King *Harold*) was ejected, consisting of 2 carucates of land, 6 villans and 20 borderers, 2 carucates in demean, 2 among the tenants, and an acre of meadow, &c. valued at 20s. but at the survey at 40s.<sup>9</sup>

*Roger* was also lord of *Stanford*, *Bukenham*, and *Ickburgh*, in

<sup>9</sup> Terre Rogeri filij Renardi—In car. in d'nio. et p'. i mo. ii sep. houi  
Kellinga ten. Wester. lib. ho. Guert, ac. p'ti sep. i r. tnc. xvi p'. mo. xx  
T. R. E. ii car. tre. mo. Radulfus, fili. sep. xl ov. et xxiii cap. tc. val. xx  
Hagana, sep. vi vill. et xx bor. tc. ii sol. mo. xl.

*Grimsho* hundred;—of *Inglethorp*, in *Smethden* hundred;—of *Scoulton* in *Weyland* hundred;—of two in *Attleburgh*, and of *Rockland* in *Shropham* hundred;—of *Mundham*, in *Lothingham*, or *Loddon* hundred;—of *Hateston*, in *Depwade* hundred;—of *Ravelingham*, and *Thurston*, in *Clavering* hundred.

The family of *Braunche* had an interest herein, of which see in *North Barsham*. Sir *Peter Braunche*, son of *Richard Braunche*, of *Gresham*, conveyed to the prior of *Binham*, for 25 marks, in the 24th of *Henry III.* all his estate in *Kelling* and *Salthouse*,<sup>1</sup> (except a parcel of land given by him to *Salthouse* church) with 4s. aid *per ann.* which his men were used to pay him, yielding to him only the service due to the King, which was when the scutage was 2s. to pay 4s. and so when more, paying more, and when less, less; witnesses, Sir *Robert de Curchun*, Sir *Roger de Perers*, Sir *Jeff. de Merston*.

Sir *Nicholas Braunche* confirmed this grant by his deed dated at *Frome* in *Somersetshire*, in the 14th of *Edward II.* and sealed with a de-lis, and a lable of 5 points.

*William*, son of Sir *Thomas de Waborne*, gave them lands in *Kelling* and *Salthouse*, with *Grenberew* windmill, for the soul of *Alice* his wife, and *Aldreda* his mother, in the reign of *Henry III.*; and there was an agreement in the 21st of that King, before *Robert de Lexington*, *William de Ebor.* *Adam Fitz William*, and *William de Culeworth*, between the prior of *Merton* in *Surrey*, and *William*, son of *Thomas de Wabrun* of the services due to the prior, from *William*, for lands here given to *Binham* priory, after King *Henry III.* confirmed to the priory of *Merton*, all their liberties, which lands enjoyed the said privileges, as held of the prior of *Merton*, and were conveyed to the prior of *Binham*, by agreement made between *Thomas*, son of *William de Wabrun*, and Lady *Albreda* his mother, and the prior.

In the 31st of the said King, *Robert*, son of Sir *Hubert of Kelling*, gives to *Binham* prior half a mark rent *per ann.* out of *Grenbergh* mill, and 16 acres of land in *Kelling* and *Salthouse*. *Peter Stoun*, of *Kelling*, and *Salthouse*, gave rent and lands, as did *Roger de Langham*. This *Thomas Waburn* conveyed by fine, in the the 33th of *Henry III.* to *Richard*, prior of *Binham*, the 4th part of a fee in *Kelling*, and *Salthouse*, the prior engaging to find *Thomas*, for life, several pittances of meat, drink, oats, &c.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* this priory claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, &c.

The priory of *Waborne's* messuages and lands here granted to *Richard Heydon*, June 20, in the 37th of *Henry VIII.* with the portion of the tithe of 20s. *per ann.*

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Binh. fol. 103, &c.

## LANGHAM.

**W**ILLIAM DE BEAUFORT Bishop of *Thetford* was lord in his own right, and held it as a lay fee at the survey, on the deprivation, or death of *Guert*, brother of King *Harold*, who was slain with that King at the battle of *Hastings*, who had 4 carucates of land, 31 villains, 4 borderers, and 5 servi; there were 4 carucates in demean, and 8 carucates, with 8 acres of meadow among the tenants, a mill &c, and 17 socmen held 80 acres of land, and 4 carucates: here were two churches, with 16 acres, valued at 16*d.* valued formerly at 8*l.* at the survey at 20*l.* was one leuca long, and one broad, and paid 2*s.* gelt; 60 acres were taken from this manor, and possessed then by *Peter de Valoins*.<sup>2</sup>

It takes its name from its length, a *Long-Ham*; and after we find this lordship divided into two towns and manors.

## LANGHAM MAGNA.

**POPE ALEXANDER** the Third, in 1176, confirmed to *John* Bishop of *Norwich* the rectory of this church. *Herbert* the Bishop of *Norwich* had before this granted a portion of tithe out of it to the prior of *Norwich*, which was valued at 3*l.* 10*s.* *per ann.* and *John* Bishop aforesaid, gave to *Ralph Hindoveston*, chaplain, (or vicar,) two parts of the tithes of his demean, with all the small tithe of his hall or palace, saving the monks portion.

In the 6th of *Henry III.* *Pandulf*, Bishop elect, gave a fine to have a mercate here weekly, (till the King came of age,) and *Walter*, the Bishop in the 35th of that King, had a charter of free warren in his demeans. The Bishop of *Norwich*, in the 15th of *Edward I.* claimed the assise, view of frank pledge, a gallows, and a weekly mercate on *Thursday*; and it seems he had a castle here.

It remained in the see till the exchange made between King *Henry VIII.* in his 27th year, and Bishop *Rugg*, of lands and manors,

<sup>2</sup> Terra Will. Ep. Tedfordensis de feudo ejusdem.—In Langham tenet Guert. iiii car tre. T. R. E. semp. xxxi vill. et iiii bord. et v serv. semp. in d'no iiii car. et hom. viii car. vi ac. p'ti i molin. sep. i runc. et i an. et xvi porc. et lx ov. et xvii soc. de lxxx ac.

tre. et iiii car. ii ecclie xvi ac. et val. xvid. tc. valet. viii lib. modo reddit. xx lib. et ht. i leug. in longo, et i lg. in lato, et ii sol. de gelto, ablac s't. de h. maneri'. Lx ac. mo. tenet eos Petrus de Valonis.

when it came to the Crown, and was granted on *January 21*, in the 2d and 3d of *Philip and Mary*, to *Thomas Gresham, Esq.*; by the marriage of his natural daughter, it came to *Sir Nathaniel Bacon*, Knt. second son of *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper, and by his eldest daughter and coheir, *Anne*, to *Sir Roger Townsend, Bart.* in which family it remains, the right honourable Viscount *Townsend* now possessing it.

The tenths *3l. 16s.*—Deducted *1l. 4s.*

The CHURCH is a vicarage dedicated to *St. Andrew*, and being anciently a rectory was valued at 30 marks. *Peter-pence* *10d. 1.* and the vicarage at 4 marks; the present valor is *4l. 10s. 8d.*; the Bishop of *Norwich* has the impropriated rectory, and the advowson of the vicarage.

### VICARS.

1318, *William de Burgh* instituted vicar, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1340, *Robert de Tweyt. Ditto.*

1344, *John Geyst. Ditto.*

1350, *Edmund Athelwald.*

*Robert Fulbeck*, vicar.

1371, *Richard Otehith.*

*Walter de Spendlove*, vicar.

1377, *Thomas Burgeys.*

1386, *Thomas Moretoft.*

1431, *Reginald Bryd.*

1432, *John Ellesmere.*

1434, *Robert Gybbys.*

1452, *Thomas Bonet.*

1462, *Thomas Salmund.*

1469, *Richard Hadylsey*

1487, *William Hakon*, a canon regular.

*John Buck*, vicar, succeeded, by *James Pearson*, vicar, about 1600.

1722, *John Stone*, by the Bishop.

1727, *John Springgold*, by *Jos. Ward*, clerk, *hac vice.*

1758, *Henry Bryant*, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

Bishop *Reynolds* in his lease of this impropriate rectory, reserved *20l. per ann.* to the vicar.

## LANGHAM PARVA

WAS held of the fee of *Norwich*, by the family of *De Melton*, of *Melton Constable*. *Jeffrey de Melton*, *Peter de Melton*, or *De Constable*, his son, and *Jeffrey* his son, were lords. On the death of *Geffrey*, it was, on a division of his estate, in the possession of the *Cockfelds*, and *Astleys*, by the marriage of two of his sisters and coheirs, as may be seen in *Melton* and *Blakeney*.

Sir *John de Cokefeld* presented to the church in 1305, and 1310, and the lady *Cecilia de Cokefeld* in 1322.

Soon after the interest of the *Cockfelds* was conveyed to the family of *Bacon*, and Sir *John Bacon* held it in 1340, and Sir *Bartholomew Bacon* presented to the church in 1378, and his widow *Joan* in 1397, and Sir *Thomas Astley* held his part or right herein, in the 5th of *Richard II.* Sir *Bartholomew Bacon's* sister and heir brought it by marriage to Sir *Oliver Calthorp*, and his second son, *Richard Calthorp*, Esq. was lord of it, and of *Cockthorp*, and so descended to his heirs, as may be there seen, Sir *Henry Calthorp* of *Ampton* in *Suffolk* dying lord of it, and patron in 1637, and *James* was then found to be his son and heir. *Astley's* part remained in the family till sold in the 31st of *Elizabeth*, by *Isaac Astley*, Esq. to *James Calthorp* of *Cockthorp*, who conveyed it to Sir *Henry Calthorp*, whose descendant, *James Calthorp*, Esq. was lord in 1697, and in that family it now remains.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *St. Mary*; ancient valor was 5 marks. Peter-pence 2d.; the priory of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe valued at 10s. The present valor is 3l. 6s. 8d.

### RECTORS.

1305, *Oliver de Kirkeby* instituted, presented by Sir *John de Cokefeld*, Knt.

1310, *Edmund de Cokefeld*. Ditto.

1322, *Peter de Walton*, by Lady *Cecilia de Cokefeld*.

*Robert Wyleby* occurs rector in 1335.

1378, *John Michel*, by *Bartholomew Bacon*.

1383, *Nich. Halles*. Ditto.

1397, *William Tillere*, by *Joan*, relict of Sir *Barth. Bacon*.

1398, *Jeff Coke*. Ditto.

1401, *John Wyterpyn*. Ditto.

1416, *Godf. Mayster*. Ditto.

1417, *Steph. Schirreve*. Ditto.

1437, *William Herbuld*, by *Richard Calthorp*, Esq.

1468, *John Sherwyn*, by *Robert Mekylfeld* and *Margaret* his wife.

*Thomas Palmer* occurs rector in 1503.

*Ralph Same* occurs rector, and was succeeded by

*William Simson*, who was rector in 1606.

1622, *Robert Pearson* instituted rector.

*Mr. Calthorp* patron in 1742.

## LEATHERINGSET.

**CALLED** in *Domesday Book* *Leringaset*, as seated in some meadow lands, on a river probably called the *Ler*, was the lordship of *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Bucks*, granted to him by the Conqueror, on the ejection of *Oslac*, a freeman, lord of it in *King Edward's* time, who had one carucate of land, 7 borderers, one carucate and an half in demean, with a carucate and 2 acres of meadow among his tenants, or men, a mill, &c. 80 sheep, 2 skeps of bees, and a socman with one acre valued then at 20s. and 25s. at the survey, was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 12d. whoever held it.<sup>2</sup>

Under the Earl it was held about the time of the survey by *Grimbald*, who built a church here, and gave it to his third son, *Edmund*. This lord was founder of the family of *De Leringset*, alias *De Bacon*. *Ranulph* was his eldest son, who, as the register of *Binhām* priory sets forth, was dangerously wounded at the fairs in this town, and gave to *Ralph* his brother a moiety of his inheritance. *Gilbert de Laringseta* was son of *Ranulph*, and had *Jordan de Laringseta*, who married *Isabel*, by whom he had *Adam*, wrote sometimes *Adam Fitz-Jordan*, and father of *Peter*, who granted to the priory of *Binhām* lands abutting on those of *Roger le Veyle* with a moiety of the advowson of the church, about the 20th of *Henry III.* and by another deed, the other moiety.

In an action brought by the prior against *Hugoline*, widow of *Peter*, she released her right therein. In a writ of enquiry to the Bishop of *Norwich*, to put the prior in possession of the moiety which he had recovered, dated 1274, the jury say that the prior had had a right.

This *Peter*, styled *de Leatheringset*, held the eighth part of a fee in the 52d of *Henry III.* of the Earl of *Clare*, into which family Earl *Giffard's* estate came by marriage, and was found to have no right of receiving knighthood, having only 100s. rent per ann. To this *Peter* and *Agnes* his wife, *Thomas de Ormesby*, parson of *Stodey*, conveyed lands here, in *Holt*, *Sharnton*, &c.

Soon after this *Peter* seems to die *s. p.* and the elder branch of

<sup>2</sup> *Terre Walt. Giffardi*—In *Leringaset*, ten. *Oslac*. lib. ho. T. R. E. i car. tre. semp. vii bor. et in d'mo. i car. et dim. et hom. i car. 2 ac. p'ti. i mol. tc. ii r. semp. ii an. et xx por. et lxxx ov. mo. ii vasa ap'. et i soc. de iac. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xv et lt. viii qr. in long. et v in lat. et xiiid. de gelt. q'cunq. ib. teneat.



that family being extinct, it is proper to observe that *Ralph*, second son of *Grimbald*, who had also an interest here, had a son, *Roger*, father of *Robert*, who assumed the name of *Bacon*, and is sometimes called *Robert Fitz Roger*, a person of great power, and cousin of *Jeff. Ridel* Bishop of *Ely*; he was father of *Reginald Bacon*, who confirmed to *Simon Fitz Simon* the homage of *Richard*. At church, the of *Laringsete*, his sons and heirs, 12 acres of land and 3s. rent, in the 27th of *Henry III.* and held the eighth part of a fee of the Earl of *Clare*, and presented to a moiety of this church. The pedigree of the *Bacons* says he was father of *Richard Bacon*, who by *Alice*, daughter of *Conan*, son of *Elias de Moulton* had 5 sons; 1st Sir *Robert Bacon*, 2d *Roger*, called Doctor *Mirabilis*, 3d Sir *Stephen*, 4th *Bartholomew*, a justice in *Eyre*, and the 5th Sir *Henry Bacon* of *Letheringset*, justice itinerant; to some of their descendants, *Peter de Letheringsete's* part, most likely came. In the 21st of *Edward I.* *John de Cave* recovered a mediety against *Henry Bacon*, and the 8th of *Edward II.* the heirs of *Thomas Bacon* were found to hold this lordship.

In the 22d of *Richard II.* *Thomas Jordan* possessed it, and in the 3d of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Jordan* was found to die seized of it; one of the same name was lord in the 38th of that King.

In 1458, *John Heydon*, Gent. was lord, and presented to both the moieties: from the *Heydons* it came to Sir *Henry Sidney*, and after to *John Jermy*, Esq. who presented in 1626, and *Robert Jermy*, Esq. in 1674.

*Hammond Ward*, Gent. lord, conveyed it to *Thomas Girdlestone*.

The King's manor of *Holt* extended here. King *John*, in his second year, confirmed to *Roger le Veile* of *Fishley*, lands here to be held by the service of keeping the King's hawks; and *Roger*, son of *Roger le Veile* grants to *John* his son, lands in this town, and *West Bastwick*, in the 4th of *Edward I.* *Roger de Perers*, had lands about that time of the *Vaux*, and *Robert le Pever* of *Stodey* had confirmation of a charter for free warren. In the reign of *Richard II.* *William Woodrofe* died seized of a manor called *Harde-Greys*, alias *La Veyles*, held in capite by knight's service, and *Thomasine*, *Oliva*, and *Elizabeth* were his daughters and heirs.

*Le Vile's* interest came to *Philip Curson* of *Letheringset*, (son of *Walter*) alderman of *London*, by *Agnes* his second wife, daughter and heir of *John le Veile*: this *Philip*, by testament dated the 24th of *June*, 1502, bequeaths his body to be buried in this church: his son *John* left by *Frances* his wife, daughter of *John Wingfeld* of *Dunham Magna*, *Norfolk*, a son *John*, who married *Dorothy*, daughter of *Henry Walpote*, Esq. of *Harpley*, and died in 1558.

*Thomas Fairfax* had a praecepto to render to *Thomas Cloudesley*, Gent. and *John Fairfax*, the manor of *La Veyles*, in the 12th of *James I.* See in *Wood Bastwick*, in *South Walsham* hundred.

The Bishop of *Norwich's* lordship of *Saxlingham* also extended here. *Thomas de Saxlingham* had a messuage, 8 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 3 and an half of pasture, with a water-mill and the rent of 5s. in the 19th of *Richard II.* and *Margaret*, daughter of his brother *Henry*, and wife of *Thomas Plumbe*y, was then found to be his heir. See in *Saxlingham*.

Sir *Henry Sidney* afterwards held it, and conveyed it to *John Jermy*

Esq. and in 1715, *Nathiel Burrell* was lord and patron, as was *John Burrell* in 1759.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to St. *Andrew*, and consists, of a nave and 2 isles, a round tower, or steeple, with 3 bells.

The present valor is 12*l*.

At the east window of the chancel is a mural monument with this epitaph,

*In this chancel resteth the body of Hammond Ward, of Letheringset, Esq; who married Mary, daughter of Sir James Calthorpe, of Cockthorpe, Kt. and by her had issue twelve sons and four daughters, he departed this life the 20th of March, 1650; with the arms of Ward, azure, in a double treasure, flory, or, a buck trippant of the 2d, impaling Calthorpe.*

Another mural monument thus inscribed,

*M. S. of Charles Worsley, late rector of Salthouse, descended from an antient family of the Worsleys of Plat in Lancashire, and son of Edw. late rector of this church, and Mary Playford of North Repps, his mother, which said Charles, with Beatrice Claxton of Booton, his wife, lye interred under these marbles, in hopes of a blessed resurrection, obt. 24, Dec. 1682, A°. æt. 29: and these arms, gules, on a chief, argent, a mural crown, or—Worsley—impaling, gules, on a fess between three hedgehogs, argent, an escocheon, barry of ten, of the 2d, and azure, a canton ermin—Claxton.*

On a grave-stone,

*Hic jacet corpus Ric. Fytz, Generosi, nuper unius cursitorum summæ curiæ cancellariæ Dñi Jacob; nuper regis Angliæ; qui duxit in uxorem Barbaram Kempe, filiam Francisci Kempe, armigeri, fratris Thomæ Kempe, militis, et filij Will. Kempe, militis, qui quidem Ric. ob. 28, Jan. A°. 1630, ætat. suæ 74.—Orate p. a'ia, Philippi Curson, Gent.*

In the church on a stone,

*Memoriæ Gulielmi Donne, Gen. qui defunctus vitæ viiiiº die mensis Novem. A°. 1684, æt. suæ 39, (exuvijs hic positus) beatam in Christo resurrectionem præstolatur; and these arms, azure, a wolf salient argent, impaling ----- on a chevron ingrailed, two lioncels rampant, between as many crescents.*

In this church were two medieties, each valued at 15 marks: one was called *Adam's* mediety, the other *Thomas de Chyvaler's*; *Peterpence* 1*l*d. and *Fakenham* dam priory had a portion of tithe valued at 2*s*.

*Grimbald* (as I have observed) was founder of the church, and presented his third son, *Edmund*, to it, who was instituted rector.\*

On his death, *Hamon*, younger son of *Gilbert*, was admitted, presented by *Jordan* his brother: *Hamon* is also said to be rector of the whole church, and to have ceded in his old age a moiety of it to *Jeffrey Ridel*, archdeacon of *Ely*

I cannot find this *Jeffrey* was archdeacon of *Ely*, but of *Canterbury*; and after Bishop of *Ely*, in 1174.

\* Lib. institut. North.

On *Hamond's* death, *Adam Fitz Jordan* presented *Thomas* his brother to a moiety. On the death of *Thomas*, *Robert de Beverley* was presented to a moiety by the prior of *Binham*.

## RECTORS.

*Jeff. Ridel*, rector of a moiety.

*Thomas Bacon* was presented to a mediety by *Reginald Bacon* about the 27th of *Henry III.*

In the 9th of *Edward I.* a fine was levied between *Hugh de Cave* and *William*, son of *John de Rewe* of *Beverley*, who conveyed to *Hugh* a moiety of the advowson, and a moiety of an acre of land, and in the 27th of that King, on an action between *Henry Bacon* of *Laringset*, and *John de Cave*, it appeared that *Robert de Beverley* was seized of the moiety of an acre of land, to which the advowson belonged in King *Henry* the Third's reign, who dying sans issue, *William* was his cousin and heir.

1308, *Robert de Thursford*, to a mediety by the prior of *Binham*.

1318, *Robert de Cave*, to a mediety, by *John Cave* of *Northburgh*.

1330, *John de South-Creyk*, to a mediety, by prior, &c.

*Thomas de Cockley-Cley*, rector of a mediety.

1343, *Dennis de Eggefeld*, by the prior.

1349, *Robert de Kilverston*. Ditto.

1349, *Thomas Fyn*, by *Thomas* son of *Richard Noel* of *Brunham*.

1354, *John Trendal*, by the prior.

1355, *Sib. Attc Yates*. Ditto.

1365, *William Kyrkeman*. Ditto.

1383, *Nicholas de Markeshale*, by *John de Quarles*, and *Thomas Lyng*.

1386, *Thomas Aleyn*. Ditto.

1387, *Roger Cobbe*, by the prior.

1387, *John Roche*, by *Edward Lucas*, and *John Quarles*.

1396, *Jeff. Chauntrell*, by the prior.

1400, *John Estker*, by *Ed. Lucas*, and *John Quarles*.

1412, *William Monaud*, by the prior.

1412, *George Palmer*. Ditto.

1422, *Thomas Crumme*. Ditto.

1430, *John Caproun*, by *Edmund Lucas* and *Mary* his wife, and *Margaret*. daughter of *Gilbert Neal*.

1457, *John Tollyn*, by *Thomas Payn*, Esq. and *Etheldreda* his wife.

1458, *Henry Rands*, to both medieties, now united, presented by *John Heydon*, Gent patron of both.

1465, *Nicholas Benet*. Ditto.

1488, *John Bagley*, by *Sir Henry Heydon*.

1504, *Thomas Curson*, by *John Heydon*, Esq.

1515, *John Bokenham*, by *Sir John Heydon*.

1553, *John Elverich*, *Sir Christopher Heydon*.

1559, *Robert Pierson*. Ditto.

1576, *Richard Lawson*. Ditto.

1626, *Thomas King*, by *John Jermy*, Esq.

1629, *Thomas Lougher*. Ditto.

1645, *Rowland Thampson*, by *Fran. Jermy*, Esq.

*John Cotlove, rector*

1661, *John Bond*, by *Robert Jermy, Esq.*

1662, *Edward Worsley. Ditto.*

1674, *Nathaniel Palgrave. Ditto.*

1705, *Nathaniel Burrell*, by *Mary Cocksedge*, widow, and he occurs rector and patron in 1715.

1741, *Henry Briggs, S. T. P.* by *Sarah Burrell.*

1747, *Robert Leek*, by *John Burrell.*

1759, *John Burrell*, by *John Burrell.*

In this church were the gilds of *St. Andrew*, and *St. John Baptist.*

The temporalities of *Binham priory* were 2s. 3d.;—of *Walsingham* 8d.;—of *Wabörne* 6s. 1d.

The tenths 3l. 12s.—Deducted 12s.

## MELTON CONSTABLE.

THIS lordship was granted by the Conqueror to *William de Beaufe* Bishop of *Thetford*, to be held of him as a lay fee, and in his own right, (with many other,) being his lord chancellor, &c. out of which 4 freemen of *King Herold* were expelled, and *Roger de Lyons* held it of the bishop, with *Anschetel* the provost, with 3 carucates of land; 2 villains and 32 borderers belonged to it, with 7 carucates and an half; there was paunage in the wood for 60 swine, and 6 acres of meadow, 2 beasts for burden, and 7 cows, &c. and a church endowed with 6 acres valued at 5d. the whole valued formerly at 30s. at the survey at 40s. *per ann.* and was one leuca long and half a leuca broad, and paid 10d. gelt.<sup>5</sup>

From this *Anschetel*, the provost, descended the family of *De Mealton*, who according to the *Norman* custom assumed that name from their lordship, and sometimes wrote themselves *De Constable*, from the office and place that they held under the Bishops of *Norwich*, by whom they had been enfeoffed of it.

The office of constable related as well to affairs of peace, as to military affairs. The Conqueror seems first to have appointed this office: his grand constable, or marshal, was styled *Princeps Militie Domus Regis*, and was hereditary, of whose dignity and authority our statutes and histories afford many proofs, and many lordships were held under the King by virtue of it; and the same was in this family, the office appearing to be hereditary, and by virtue of it, held the lordships of *Burgh, Langham, Bruningham, Briston, Sniterle, West Tofts, East Tudenham, Melton, &c.*

In the reign of *King Henry II. A. 12, Peter le Constable de*

<sup>5</sup> Terra Epi. Tedfordensis de feudo — In Maeltuna iiii lib. hoēs Heroldi. mo. W. Ep. et Rog. Lungusensis de eo et Anschetellus p' positus et Rog. et iiii car. tre. semp. ii vill. et xxxii bord. et in eos vii car. et dim. silva. ad lx porc.

vi ac. pti. sep. ii runc. tnc. et mo. viii an. tnc. v porc. mo x i ecclia de vi ac. et val vd. tc. val. xxx sol. mo. xl sol. et hñ i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et xd. de gelto.

*Meaulton* held 3 knights fees and an half of the old feofment of *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, and about 1160, *Peter le Constable* and *Geffrey* his son were witnesses to a confirmation of lands in *Dilham*, &c. given by *Robert*, son of *Ralph*.<sup>6</sup>

*Peter Constable de Meaulton*, was sheriff of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, in the 3d, 4th, and 5th of King *John*.

*Geffrey*, son of *Peter*, son of *Geffrey le Constable*, by his deed sans date confirmed to *Hugo de-----*, his serjeant (*seroienti*) the lands late *Robert Morgan's*.

Also *Peter de Meaulton*, *Constabularius*, son of *Geffrey*, by deed sans date, granted to *Clement de Longham*, his serjeant, 24 acres in *Sniterley*; witnesses, *William de Meaulon*, Bart. *de Marham*, *William de Stodey*, &c. and sealed with a man on horseback in armour.

In the 5th of *Henry III.* *Muriel*, widow of *William de Constable of Melton*, feigned herself to be ensefant, and a writ was awarded to the sheriff, to convene her before him, and the keeper of the pleas of the Crown to have her examined, which was done accordingly; and she was found not to be with child; in the following year she appears to be the wife of *John de Somery*, and released with him all her right in the thirds of this town, *Burgh*, *Bruningham*, *Langham*, *Sniterly*, and *East Tudenham*, and *Peter* granted to them for the life of *Muriel* an annuity of 10*l.* per ann. payable in *Windham* priory, half yearly, without any charge, by a fine then levied. *Peter* aforesaid probably was brother of *William*,

*Robert de Scales*, and *Reginald de Mealton* gave 60 marks to the said King, in his 21st year, to have the custody of the marriage of the heir of *Peter Constable of Mealton*, according to the fine which they paid to *Thomas*, late Bishop of *Norwich*.

In the 41st of that King, *Jeffrey de Burnavill*, and *Maud* his wife, were impleaded, to know what right they had in the inheritance of *Peter de Meaulon*, who answer that they claimed nothing but by right of dower, *Maud* being widow of *Geffrey*, son and heir of *Peter*, and *Isabel* his wife.

On the death of this *Geffrey*, his 3 sisters were found to be his co-heirs, *Isabel*, *Alice*, and *Edith*.

#### ASTLEY'S MANOR.

Sir *Thomas Estele*, Lord *Estele*, had a 3d part of this town, and of the inheritance of *Jeffrey* aforesaid, by the marriage of *Edith*, his 3d sister and coheir, descended from *Philip de Estley*, lord of *Astley*, in the 12th of *Henry II.* (which gave name to the family) and other lordships in *Warwickshire*, and which his grandfather had been enfeofed of in the reign of King *Henry I.* as may be seen in *Dugdale's Baro-nage*<sup>7</sup> and his *History of Warwickshire*, in his account of the family at large; my business being to observe such things as principally belong to the family, and which in some measure have not been observed or mentioned by any authors in print.

This *Thomas* appears to be a knight in the 26th of *Henry III.* and

<sup>6</sup> Lib. Rub. Sci. p. 114—Reg. Sacrist. Eccles. Norw. fol 106—Rot. Pip.

<sup>7</sup> See in Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 663, &c.

one of the justices for the goal-delivery at *Warwick*, and took part with the barons in their rebellion in the 47th of that King, and was slain at the battle of *Evesham* in the 49th of that King.

He married two wives, *Joan*, the daughter of *Ernauld de Bois*, a person of great eminency in *Leicestershire*, (according to *Dugdale*,) but, as *Burton* says, *Helen*, daughter and coheir of *Gerard de Camville*, lord of *Creke* in *Northamptonshire*;\* and by the said *John*, (as I take it) had *Andrew Lord Astley*, from whom descended the eldest branch of this family in *Warwickshire*.

By *Edith*, his 2d wife, he had *Thomas de Estlee*, *Stephen*, and *Ralph*. To *Thomas* his son he gave, in the 47th of *Henry III.* his manor of *Hill Morton*, with the advowson of the church in tail: witnesses, *Sir Robert Moton*, *Sir Robert de Verdun*, and *Walter de Holewill*, and sealed with a seal of a triangular form; the impress a cinquefoil, which arms they bore in allusion to those of *Robert Earl of Leicester*, &c. of whom they held lordships, only varying the colours according to the custom of that age; *Robert* bearing in a field, *gules*, a cinquefoil, *ermine*, and they bearing the same charge at this time, in a field, *azure*.

*Edith*, widow of *Sir Thomas*, married *Robert de Holewell*, and afterwards *Thomas Peche*, who in the 9th of *Edward I.* seems to have held a court lete here and in other towns in her right.

*Thomas de Astley*, eldest son of *Sir Thomas*, died without issue in the 13th of *Edward I.* his mother *Edith* then living, who in the following year claimed view of frank pledge, assise, &c. in this town; and *Stephen de Astley*, his brother, had a grant of free warren in this town, and *East Tudenham*, in the 14th of that King. In the said year, *Thomas*, son of *John de Briston*, released to him all his right in the inheritance of *Peter le Constable*, and in the church of *Birston*, as one of the heirs of *Peter*, by a fine levied.

By this, it appears to me, that there were 4 sisters and coheirs, and one of them was married to *John de Briston*, father of this *Thomas*.

In the 18th of the said King *Edward I.* *Edith de Astley*, granted to *Stephen* her son, all her inheritance in this town, *Burgh*, *Bruningham*, *Langham*, *Sniterle*, *East Tudenham*, *Wiveton*, *Glanford*, *Saxlingham*, *Sharnton*, *Hindringham*, &c. which descended to her on the death of *Geffrey*, son of *Peter le Constable*, with the advowson of this town, *Burgh St. Mary*, *Bruningham*, and *Rackey Parca*, to which deed were witnesses, *Luke de Ely*, archdeacon of *Coventry*, *William de Castre*, *Thomas de Wolvey*, *Roger de Cotoil*, *Simon de Nowers*, *Edmund de Hengrave*, *Richard de la Rokele*, Knights, dated at *Wedynghon* in *Warwickshire*. One of the lordships that *Dugdale* observes to be assigned by the King, out of commiseration for her maintenance, on the death of her husband *Sir Thomas*.

This *Stephen* was living in the 29th of *Edward I.* when an agreement was made between him and *Benedict*, prior of *St. Olaves Heringflete*, or *Heringby*, when he remitted to the prior the 3d part of 8 marks, annual rent in *East Tudenham*, and *Tudenham Faldgate*, for the souls of his ancestors.

*Stephen* was living in 1317, and presented then to this church, but died soon after, surviving, as I take it, both his brothers, *Sir Ralph*, the younger dying in or about the 26th of *Edward I.*

\* *Burton's Hist. of Leicestershire*, p. 58.

In the 32d of *Edward I.* *Nicholas*, son of *Andrew de Astley*, was impleaded by *Sir George de Charnels*, to keep the agreement made between the said *Sir George* and *Sir Andrew*, father of *Nicholas*, for the custody of the lands of *Thomas*, son and heir of *Sir Ralf de Asteley* and which *Sir Andrew*, had granted to *Sir George*, viz. the manor of *Hill-Morton* in *Warwickshire*, and the 3d part of it, which *Roesia*, widow of *Sir Ralph*, held in dower, when she should happen to die.

It is to be observed, that this lordship came to *Sir Ralph* on the death of his brother *Thomas*, and so descended to *Thomas*, son of *Sir Ralph*, who was also lord of *Melton*, &c. on the death of his uncle *Stephen*.

In 1324, this *Thomas* presented to the church of *Rackheath Parva*, and in the following year to that of *Melton*.

In the 8th of *Edward II.* *John de Charnels*, clerk, was a trustee for *Thomas*, son of *Sir Ralph de Asteley*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife: she was daughter of *Sir George de Charnels*, lord of *Elmesthorp*, in *Leicestershire*, who bore azure, a cross ingrailed, or.

In the 17th of that King there was an indenture between this *Thomas de Astley*, cousin and heir of *Stephen de Astley* on one part, and *Sir John de Gurney*, *Sir Nicholas de Herdwyk*, and *Joan de Astley*, on the other part, for founding certain chaplains, but were not mentioned: witnesses, *Sir Robert de Nowers*, *Sir John de Cockfeld*, *William de Fileby*, &c. Quere, if this *Joan* was not relict of *Stephen*?

In the 9th of *Edward III.* he had a *quietus* from the King, dated April 20, from all military services, and bearing of arms; probably on account of his age; but was living in the 15th of the said King, 1341, and presented to this church, in which year he died, *Margaret* his widow surviving.

*Sir Ralph de Asteley* was his son and heir, and presented to the church of *Melton* in 1342.

In the 21st of *Edward III.* *William de Cantele* obliged himself to pay 12d. per ann. for lands in *East Tudenham*, to *Sir Ralph*; and in the 31st of that King, *Sir Ralph* confirmed in trust, to *Sir Thomas de St. Omer*, and *Henry de Berney*, &c. his lordships of *Melton* and *Langham Castle*, and all his lands there and in *Burgh*, *Bruzingham*, *Bryston*, *Irmingland*, *Geystwick*, *Gunthorp*, *Hindringham*, *Snitterle*, *Wroeton*, *Glandford*, and *Laringsett*: witnesses, *Sir Robert de Cockfeld*, *Sir John de Rattlesden*, *Sir John de Erpingham*, and sealed with a cinquefoil, ermine, in a bordure, - - - - -.

*Sir Ralph* was living in 1355, and presented to this church; but in 1367 his trustees presented.

About this time (I presume) he died leaving *Thomas* his son and heir, by *Agnes* his wife, daughter of *Edward* or *Ralph Gerbridge* of *Norfolk*.

In the 47th of the aforesaid King, 1368, *John Charve*, and *Henry de Berney*, trustees of *Sir Ralph*, conveyed to *Thomas* and *Margaret* his wife, the manor of *Astley Hall* in *Langham* and *Melton*, &c.

This *Margaret* was his first wife, and daughter of ——— *Elmrugge*, who bore sable, on a chief, argent, three elm leaves slipt, vert, and in the 5th of *Richard II.* being a knight, demised to *Ralph Ernays* of *Field-Dalling*, many of his lands for a term of years.

In the 9th of that King he had a protection granted him, being then to accompany *John* of *Gaunt* Duke of *Lancaster* into *Spain*, where he died in the 11th of the said King,

On the 3d of *May*, in the said year, the King granted the custody of all his lands in *Hindringham*. He settled his estates before his departure out of *England*, and his will was, that as soon as his death was known in *England*, his feoffees should pay to *Margaret* his daughter, 10 marks; to *Joan* and *Catharine* his daughters, 40s. each, and bequeaths lands to *Thomas* his son; to *Catharine* his wife, the manor of *Hilmorton* for life; remainder to *Thomas* his son.

And in the said year, *Henry le Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich* received of *Catharine*, relict of *Sir Thomas*, 85 marks sterling, wherein she was bound for the ward and marriage of *Thomas*, son and heir of the late *Sir Thomas*.

This *Catharine* was daughter of *Sir Roger Bacon* of *Baconsthorp*, Knt. and mother, as I take it, of *Thomas* the minor.

In the 18th of *Richard II.* *Thomas de Astley*, son and heir of *Sir Thomas*, granted in trust, this manor, to *Sir Robert Carbonel*, and sealed with the cinquefoil, in a bordure ingrailed; and after, in the 3d of *Henry V.* to *Sir Simon Felbrigg*, *Sir Robert de Berney*, and *Sir Edmund de Oldhall*, this, with other manors, and was living in the year 1422, when he and *Isabel* his wife presented to this church.

He married two wives; *Elizabeth*, the first, was daughter of ——— *Dacres*, who bore *gules*, 3 escallops, *argent*; his 2d was *Isabel*, daughter of *Jeffrey Okes*, of *Shrubland* in *Suffolk*, and bore *sable*, on a fess, between six acorns, *argent*, three oak leaves, *vert*.

By *Isabel* he had *John* his son and heir, who took to wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Sir Edward Witchingham*; by his will, dated *April 8*, 1475,<sup>9</sup> and proved *June 23* following, it appears that he had 2 sons, *Thomas* and *Robert*, a daughter, *Alice*, married to *John Culthorp*, Esq. and a daughter, *Constantia*, to whom he bequeaths 40*l.* his manor of *Melton* to his executors for 2 years, to perform his will, and his body to be buried in the church of the *Carmes* at *Blakeney*.

*Thomas Astley*, Esq. son and heir, had 2 wives; *Margery*, daughter of *William Lumner*, Esq. of *Manington*, in *Norfolk*, who bore *sable*, on a bend, *azure*, cottised, *ermine*, three escallops, *gules*.

To this *Thomas* and his wife, *John* his father, in the 11th of *Edward IV.* granted the manor of *Holewell Hall* in *Langham*, and that of *Hindringham Nowers*; the 2d wife of *Thomas* was *Elizabeth*, daughter of *William Clipsby* of *Owby*, Esq.

In the 7th year of *Henry VII.* *Thomas Spicer*, &c. at the instance of *Thomas Astley*, Esq. son and heir of *John Astley*, late of *Melton*, confirmed to the said *Thomas* and *Elizabeth* his wife, one of the daughters of *William Clipsby*, late of *Owby*, Esq. deceased, the manors of *Langham* and *Hindringham* aforesaid, dated *May 2*; witnesses, *Sir Henry Heydon*, *Edward Paston*, *John Clipsby*, Esq. &c.

By his first wife he had *Thomas*, his eldest son, to whom he gave the manors of *Melton*, *Burgh*, and *Bruningham*; and to *Ralph* his son, the manor of *Hindringham*, by his will, dated *June 7*, and proved *March 12*, 1500, and was buried in the chancel of the church of the *Carmes* of *Blakeney*.

*Thomas Astley*, son and heir of *Thomas*, enfeoffed in the 22d of *Henry VII.* *Will. Eton*, &c. of this manor in trust, and married first, *Anne*, daughter of *Edw. Boughton* of *Lawford*, in *Warwickshire*, who



bore *sable*, three crescents, or;—and had by her *John*, his son and heir; his 2d wife was *Anne* or *Hellen*, daughter of *Robert Wode* of *East Barsham*, Esq. and sister of *Elizabeth*, the wife of *Sir James Boleyn* of *Blickling*, by whom he had also a son, *John*, who was master of the *Jewel-house*.

She died in child-bed, and was buried at *Blickling*.

In the 26th of *Henry VIII.* *January 4*, *Thomas Astley*,<sup>a</sup> Esq. settled on his trustees, for his own use, and after for that of *John* his son and heir apparent, and *Frances* his wife, daughter and heir of *John Ghene*, Esq. of *Settingbourn* in *Kent*, the manor of *Melton*.

*Cheney* bore *ermin*, on a bend, *sable*, three martlets, or.

By an inquisition, taken *September 16*, in the 36th of *Henry VIII.* at *Norwich* castle, *Thomas Asteley*, Esq. of *Melton*, was found to die *October 19*, last past, seized of this manor and advowson, and the manors of *Burgh*, *Bruningham*, *Langham*, &c. and *John* was his son and heir, aged 30.

This *John* was, by *Frances* aforesaid, father of *Isaac Astley*, Esq. *John* his father dying about the year 1538; in 1557 he presented to this church, and in 1559 *Frances* his widow presented, also in 1564.

*Isaac* married *Mary*, daughter of *Edward Waldgrave*, Esq. of *Borley* in *Essex*, who bore per pale, *gules* and *argent*, a roundle counter-changed, and presented in 1593, and had by the said *Mary*, *Thomas*, his eldest son, and *Jacob*, who for his many eminent services to King *Charles I.* was created by him Lord *Asteley* of *Reading*.

*Thomas Astley*, Esq. married *Frances*, daughter and coheir of ——— *Dean of Tilney* in *Marshland*, *Norfolk*, by whom he had 3 sons, *Sir Francis*, who was high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1636, and died in the same year without issue, leaving *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Sir James Altham* of ———, in *Hertfordshire*: he was buried in the *Savoy* church at *London*, and his lady remarried to the Lord *Digby*, and after to *Sir Robert Bernard*, serjeant at law.

*Sir Isaac*, the 2d son, was also high sheriff of *Norfolk*, created *Bart.* in 1641, *January 21*.

He took to wife first, *Rachel*, daughter of *Augustine Messenger* of *Hackford* in *Norfolk*, Esq. and 2dly, *Bridget*, daughter of *John Coke*, of *Holkham*, Esq. who survived him: he died *s. p.* *December 7*, 1659.

*Sir Edward*, the 3d son, was high sheriff of *Norfolk*, and a Baronet, and married *Elizabeth*, only daughter of *Jacob Lord Asteley* of *Reading*, who surviving him, married *Henry Clifton*, Esq. of *Toftrees* in *Norfolk*, by which lady he had *Sir Jacob Astley*, *Bart.* who was many years knight of the shire for the county of *Norfolk*: by his wife, *Blanch*, daughter of *Sir Philip Wodehouse* of *Kimberley*, *Bart.* he had *Jacob*, his son and heir, who died at *Oxford* in 1681. *Sir Jacob* dying in 1729, *August 17*, was succeeded in honour and estate, by his 2d son, *Sir Philip*, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter and heir of ——— *Bransby* of *Yarmouth*, Esq. who died in 17—, leaving 2 sons, *Jacob*, and *Edward*, who was a commissioner of the *Salt-office*, and died single.

*Sir Jacob Astley*, *Bart.* eldest son of *Sir Philip*, died *January 5*, 1760; and, by *Lucy* his first wife, daughter of *Sir Nicholas L'Estrange*,

<sup>a</sup> *Thomas Astley*, Esq. who married *ley's* manor in *East Tudenham*, &c. and *Mary*, one of the daughters and coheirs sold it, 1543, to *Thomas Wodehouse*, of *Sir Gilbert Talbot*, was lord of *Ast-* Esq.

he had 2 sons, *Edward*, and *John*, rector of *Thornage* in *Norfolk*, and a daughter, *Lucy*, married to *Edward Pratt*, Esq. son and heir of *Roger Prat*, Esq. of *Ruston*, by *Downham* in *Norfolk*.

His 2d wife was ———, relict of ——— *Page*, Esq. of *Saxthorp*, and his 3d, *Elizabeth*, daughter and coheir of *Christopher Beddingfeld*, Esq. of *Wighton* in *Norfolk*; by these he had no issue.

Sir *Edward Astley*, the present Bart. married first, *Rhoda*, daughter of *Francis Blake Delaval*, Esq. and by her has 2 sons living: his present Lady is *Ann*, youngest daughter of *Christopher Milles*, Esq. of *Nackington*, in *Kent*, and sister of *Richard Milles* of *North Elmham*, Esq. the present member for *Canterbury*.

Sir *Edward* was elected member for this county, 23 March, 1768.

Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. grandfather of Sir *Jacob*, built the present hall or manor-house, of brick, which stands in a large park, a very agreeable and handsome seat, of which there is a print, and about it are several large ponds, stored with fish, and fine avenues: and there is a turret on the summit covered with lead, affording an agreeable prospect towards the sea and land; and there is a very neat and elegant chapel.

The town is seated near the rise of the river *Bure*.

### COCKFIELD'S MANÖRS.

I have already observed that on the death of *Jeff. de Meauton*, alias *Le Constable*, son of *Peter*, his three sisters, *Isabel*, *Alice*, and *Edith* were his coheirs, between whom this lordship was divided; *Edith* married Sir *Thomas de Astley*, *Isabel* married *Adam de Cockfeld*, and *Alice* married *Robert de Cockfeld*, brother of *Adam*, (as I take it,) and sons of *Adam de Cockfeld*, by *Agatha*, or *Isabel*, daughter of Sir *Robert de Aguillon*, by *Agatha* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Fulk de Beaufoe*, lord of *Hockwold* and *Wilton*, in her right.)

The family of *Cockfeld* seem to descend from a younger son of the noble family of the *Veres* Earls of *Oxford*; *Alberick de Vere* had a younger brother, *Roger*, who held the lordship of *Cockfeld* in *Suffolk*, of the abbots of *Bury*, immediately after the conquest, and *Anselm*, abbot of *Bury*, who lived in the reign of *Henry I.* granted the service of *Roger* to his brother, *Alberic de Vere*, at the King's request; from this town they took their surname.<sup>2</sup>

*Adam de Cockfeld* left a daughter and heir, *Nesta*, who was Lady *Semere* in *Suffolk*, and married *Matthew de Leyham*.

In the reign of *Richard I. Sampson*, abbot of *Bury*, settled for life on *Adam*, son of *Robert de Cockfeld*, the manors of *Grotten* and *Semere* in *Suffolk*,<sup>3</sup> and a fine was levied between the said abbot and *Adam*, in the 7th of that King, of the hundred of *Cosford*, wherein *Adam*, grandfather of *Adam*, is mentioned, and in the 10th of that King, a fine was leyed between *Lucy de Cokefeld* and *Adam* her son.

In the 41st of *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *John*, son of *Robert de Cockfeld* and *Isabel*, and *Adam de Cokefeld* and *Isabel* his wife, impediement, of two messuages, two carucates of land, 105s. rent

<sup>1</sup> Regist Pincebeck, Abb. Bur. fol. 312.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Niger. Vestiarij Abb. Bur. fol. 145.

in *Mealting, Burgh, Burningham, Sniterley, Birston, and East Tuddenham*, with the advowson of the church of *Birston*, with all the demerits, homages, services of freemen, advowsons of churches, knights fees, wards, reliefs, eschaets, villages, woods, alders, meads, pastures, waters, pools, ponds, parks, &c. belonging; and whatever *Adam and Isabel* had of the inheritance of *Peter de Mealton*, father of *Isabel*, one of whose heirs she was, all which were released to *John* and his heirs, to be held of *Robert de Cockfeld* and *Alice* his wife, for the life of *Alice*, and after her decease of the chief lord of the fee, with a third part of the lands, tenements, and advowsons of churches, which *Jeffrey de Burnavill* and *Maud* his wife held in dower of the said inheritance, she being, as it appears, relict of *Geffrey de Mealton*.

Sir *John de Cockfeld* was at that time one of the justices of the King's Bench; and in the 56th of that King had an annuity of 40*l.* per ann. as one of those justices.

In the 14th of *Edward I.* *John de Cockfeld* claimed view of frank pledge, and other liberties belonging to their manor, (now united,) as belonging to the barony of the see of *Norwich*, and *William Inge*, serjeant at law, and *John de Cockfeld*, were in the 26th of the said reign appointed justices to enquire after the grievances of the people of *England*, in *Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Rutlandshire, Northamptonshire, Norfolk, and Suffolk*; concerning things taken from the churchmen and laity, in wool, hides, leather, corn, beasts, flesh, fish, &c. either for the keeping of the seas, or any other reason after the war with *France*; according to the King's promise before his going over into *Flanders*. and to do all other things according to the form of instructions sent them from the King and his council.

In the 12th of *Edward II.* *John de Catfeld*, clerk, *Eustachius de Dalling*, &c. trustees, settled this manor on *John de Cockfeld* and *Margaret* his wife, for their lives, remainder on *Reginald*, son of *John*, in fee tail; remainder to *John*, another son:

We find Sir *John de Cockfeld* to present to the church of *Birston* in 1305, and *Cecilia* his relict in 1311, and 1330, who were father and mother of *John*, who married *Margaret*; and in 1349, Sir *John de Cockfeld* presented to *Birston*.

*John Cockfeld*, Esq. was probably his son, and died before the year 1365, when *Simon*, Bishop of *Ely*, granted an indulgence of 40 days, to all who on confession of their sins, and saying *Ave-Mary* and the angelical salutation, for the health of the soul of the said *John*, buried in the conventual church of *Wykes* in *Essex*: he died before Sir *John*, his father, and Sir *Thomas* his brother was lord in the 30th of that King, and his son, Sir *Robert de Cockfeld*, was lord in the 5th of *Richard II.*

Sir *John de Cockfeld*, son of Sir *Robert*, kept his first court in the 4th of *Henry V.*; he married *Margaret*, daughter of *Thomas Foljambe*, and died s. p. about the 30th of *Henry VI.* and was then the wife of *Ralph Monboucher*. After this it came to *Agnes*, sister and heir of Sir *John*, who brought it by marriage to *John Talbys*, Esq. of *Lincolnshire*, and so to *John Ascough*, Esq. of the said county, as may be seen in *East Tuddenham*, in *Witford* hundred, who sold it to *John Wynham*, Esq. in the reign of *Henry VI.* Sir *Thomas Wyndham* died seized of it in 1522: his son *Edmund*, in the 27th of *Henry VIII.* held with *Thomas Astley*, Esq. three knights fees, and 3 quarters of the

Bishop of *Norwich*, paying castle guard to *Norwich* from 30 weeks to 30, 3s. 6d. for each fee; and was sold by a fine levied in the 34th of the said King to Sir *William Butts*, whose son *William* was lord, and by the heiress of this family came to Sir *Nich. Bacon*, Bart. whose son, Sir *Edmund*, sold it to the *Astleys*, in which family it now remains.

Besides what is above observed, I find that *Remigius*, son of *Will. de Meuling* had an interest in this town, and by his deed, granted and surrendered to *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, for himself and heirs, all those knights fees which he held of the Bishop and his church of *Norwich*, in capite, in *Sarlingham*, *Egmere*, *Long-Stratton*, *Shippeden*, &c. viz. in *Meuling*, the sixth part of a fee, which *William de Milkspop* held of him, &c. dated in the 10th of *Edward I.* 1281.

From the register of *Castleacre*,\* we learn several curious particulars relating to the ancient family of *de Mealton*, or *Constable*.

*Alice de Warren*, in her widowhood, with the consent of her son and heir, Sir *Jeffrey de Mealton*, gave by deed to the monks of *Castleacre* the yearly rent of 3s. out of a mill in *Tudeham (East)*; witnesses, *Roger*, son of *Osbern*, *Fulk de Munpinchun*, *Roger de Sarlingham*, &c. and by another deed confirms the same, willing the monks to remember her, and with the said yearly rent, to mend their towels, sans date.

By her will in *Latin*, beginning thus,

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, Amen, This is the testament of *Alice de Warren*—*Imprimis*, I give my body to be buried in the church of *St. Mary*, of the monks of *Acra*, and two of my better sort of horses, with a vestment for a priest, and a chalice, (or a cup) and half a mark rent, *per ann.* for ever out of my mill in *Tudeham*, &c.

*Geffrey Constable de Meauton*, heir of his mother *Alice de Warren*, by deed confirmed the abovementioned grants.

*Peter de Mealton* confirmed also by deed the said grant of his mother *Alice*, &c. and moreover gave to the said monks the yearly rent of 12d. to be received of *Reiner de la Dale* of *Tudcham*.

*Peter de Meauton Constable*, son and heir of Sir *Peter de Meauton*, and Dame *Alice de Warren*, his mother, bound himself to pay in performance of his mother's will to the monks of *Castleacre* at *Easter* 40d. and at *Michaelmas* 40d.—Dated at *Castleacre* 15th of the calends of *February*, 1228;—witnesses Sir *William de Mortimer*, Sir *Adam de Birlingham*, Sir *Robert Burnell*, Sir *Richard de Mortimer*, &c.

By these deeds it appears that Sir *Peter de Mealton* married *Alice*, a daughter of the Earl *Warren*, and had by her Sir *Jeff.* who dying without issue, was succeeded by *Peter* his brother, which *Peter* was father (as I conceive) of *Geff.* and of his three sisters and coheirs.

The tenths were 2l. 3s.—No deductions.

The church is an old building, and contained only one isle, being a single pile, till Sir *Jacob Astley*, in 1681, built a neat chapel, with a vault under it of brick.

The tower stands between the church and chancel, and is four-square, with three bells.

In the chancel, on a marble grave-stone,  
*Here lyeth interred the bodies of Thomas, Frances, and John Astley,*  
*children of Sir Edward Astley, 164½.*

*Agnita, daughter of Sir Edward, and Dame Elizabeth his wife,*  
*died Aug. 24, 1648.*

On another,

*Memoriae sacrum — Hoc saxo tegitur corpus Edw. Astley, equitis  
 aurati, filij tertia Tho. Astley de Melton Constable, Armig. prosapiam  
 duxit a Tho. de Astley, Barone de Castro de Astley in comit. Warwicij  
 (qui floruit tempore Henricj Tertij, Regis Angliæ) et Editha sorore et  
 cohærede Roberti Constabularij, Militis de Melton Constabl. Primo  
 meruit apud Belgas, postea in bello contra Scotos sub auspicijs serenissi-  
 mi Regis Caroli primi, in utroq; clarus. In cæteris justus, sobrius, et  
 pius. Ex unica uxore, Elizabetha filia Jacobi Domini Astley, Baronis  
 de Reading, reliquit Jacob Astley, Militem et Baronettum, heredem  
 tam patris quam patruj Isaacj Astley Militis et Baronetj. — Obt. 15  
 die Martis, A. D. M. DC. LIII, et ætat. suæ XLIX.*

In the said chancel,

*Here is interred the body of Isaac Astley Kt. and Bt. second son of  
 Thomas Astley, of Melton Constable, Esq; and heir of his eldest bro-  
 ther Francis Astley, Kt. descended from Thomas D' Astley, Baron of  
 Astley Castle, in the county of Warwick, (in the time of Henry III.  
 King of England) by Editha, the sister and co-heir of Sir Robert Con-  
 stable of Melton Constable. He was first married to Rachel, daughter  
 of Augustine Messenger, of Hackford in Norfolk, Gent. his second  
 wife was Bridget, daughter of John Coke of Holkham in Norfolk, Esq;  
 he died without issue, the 7th of December 1659.*

*Edward Astley, third son of Sir Jacob Astley. Kt. and Bt. and  
 Dame Blanch Astley his wife, died January 7, 1672.*

*Here lyeth Elizabeth Astley, daughter of Sir Jacob Astley, Bt. &c.  
 born April 10, died April 22, 1676.*

In the east window of the chancel were the figures of *Thomas Ast-  
 ley, Esq.* and his two wives, with the arms of *Astley, of Dacres* his  
 first wife, and of *Okes* his second wife, and underneath,

*Orate p. a'ia'b; Thome Astley, armig. Elizabethæ, et Isabelle con-  
 sortis sue:* and in the said window the arms of *Cockfield*, azure, a  
 cross compony, argent and gules, and of *Constable*, quarterly in the  
 1st and 4th gules, in the 2d and 3d vairy, or and argent, over all a  
 bend of the 3d—azure, 3 boars passant, or, Bacon.

On a marble grave-stone in the church,

*Mercia Wodehouse, Edm. Wodehouse, Armig. et Mercia uxoris ejus  
 filia obi. 23 Martij, M. DC. LXXIII.*

In the chapel or isle, built by Sir Jacob Astley, lies a white marble  
 stone:

*In hypogæo sub hoc monumento, opere arcuato extructo, conduntur  
 reliquæ Jacob Astley, Armig. filij natu maximj Jacob Astley, hujus  
 parochiæ de Melton Constble. in com. Norf. militis et ban. et Blanchæ  
 uxoris ejus filia Philippi Wodehouse de Kimberley in eodem agro,*

baroneti. *Aspice res fluxas et inanes hujus labentis et fallacis ævi, eximia indolis, juvenis, literarum studiosissimas, ingenij universæ eruditiones ac artium capacis, memoriæ supra fidem tenacis, religiosus, Dei cultor, regis et ecclesiæ amantissimus, obsequij in parentes grande exemplum, a modestia, comitate, et eutrapelia omnibus percharus, domus suæ decus et columen, in quo præcellentium virtutum plurima vestigia mature apparuere, futura suæ claritudinis si superstes fuerit, haud obscura præsagia. In ipso flore juventutis, a paternis penatibus longo totius anni intervallo absens, in ipsa propemodum hora quâ parentes conspectum ejus magnopere cupientes ad visendum cum iter avidi susceperant, et votorum suorum compotes fieri optabant, multam spem et immensum solatij in eo, merito reponentes lethali morbo extinctus est, et a visu et amplexibus eorum, quasi temporis momento abreptus. Ante annum quam e vitâ excessit et candidam in calis, sortitus est, in ædem Christi, in academia Oxoniensi lætis auspicijs admissus fuit, ubi pulchre se gessit sub tutela clarissimi viri Joh. Fell, Oxoniensis. episc. admodum reverendi ejusdemq; ædis tunc temporis decanij, curatore una ab eodem episc. electo, et ei ob majorem ejus curam et dignationem præposito, a quibus sæpissime per literas certiores facti fuerant parentes de præclaris moribus et spectabilij ejus vitâ, quod auxit gaudium eorum, et mox dolorem ex auditu improvisæ ejus mortis, quæ eum e medio sustulit apud eundem Oxonium cum mæstitia, ineffabili parentum (ignoscatis ergo, si non ita fortiter tolerarent tam charij p'gnoris, tam ornati juvenis inopinatum et gravem casum) et acerbo omnium luctu, nono die Junij, A. D. 1681, et a nativitate ejus dño de vicesimo septem hebdomadis et diebus quatuor superadditis.*

On another white marble stone,

*M. S. In conditorio infra structo, jacet ornatissima Domina Elizabetha Astley, uxor D'ni Edw. Astley equitis aurati, filia nobilissimi D'ni Jacob Astley, Baronis de Reading, prosapia materna ab illustri et antiqua implorum apud Germanos stirpe deducta, fæmina pietate in Deum, amore in suos, liberalitate in agenos, benignitate, in omnes admodum insignis, annos nata LXXV, denata 22 Januar. M.DC.LXXXIII, Beati resurrectionem præstolatur, Dominus Jacob Astley, Miles et Baronettus, et septennis liberis solus superstes in perpetuam dilectissima matri memoriam H. M. P.*

In the church were also these arms—*sable*, two barrulets *vairy*, *argent* and *vert*, *Hacon*.—Quarterly, *sable* and *argent*, a bend over all,—*Burston*, or *Briston*.

Constable with his crest—a lion's paw, *ermine* armed *or*.

It is a rectory dedicated to St. Peter, valued formerly at 10 marks; and paid Peter-pence 7d. ob.; the present valor is 6s.

## RECTORS.

In 1298, Michael occurs rector.

1312, Richard de Aungeville instituted, presented by Stephen de Estle; Richard was afterwards Bishop of Durham in 1333.

1325, John de Astlele, by Thomas Astele.

1329, Simon Motoun. Ditto.

1341, Richard Daney. Ditto.

1342, Brice de St Lyze, by Sir Ralph de Astele.

- 1349, *John le Mey*, by *Sir Ralph de Astele*.  
 1350, *Richard de Barsham*. Ditto.  
 1354, *John de Wolterton*. Ditto.  
 1355, *John de Egfeld*, Ditto.  
 1367, *William de Egfeld*, by *Dennis de Egfeld*, clerk, *Henry de Berney* &c.  
 1379, *William Wulsey*, by *Thomas de Astele*.  
 1386, *John Rolf*, by *Thomas de Merygton*, &c.  
 1396, *John Skynner*, by *Thomas de Astele*.  
 1422, *Thomas White*, by *Thomas Astele* and *Isabel* his wife.  
 1411, *William Cook*, by *John Astele*, Esq.  
 1447, *John Coton*. Ditto.  
 1447, *Thomas Alysson*. Ditto.  
 1466, *Thomas Sutton*. Ditto.  
 1467, *Robert Bennet*. Ditto.  
 1485, *Roger Humpfrey*, by the Bishop, a lapse,  
 1486, *Thomas Spicer*, by *Thomas Astele*, Esq.  
 1514, *Richard Fowler*.  
 1533, *Robert Parkes*, by *Thomas Astele*.  
 1546, *Roger Elward*, by *Robert Astele*, Esq.  
 1548, *Thomas Athow*, by *John Astele*, Esq.  
 1554, *John Frear*. Ditto.  
 1557, *William Sewell*, by *John Astele*, Esq.  
 1559, *Thomas Corker*, by *Frances Astle*, widow.  
 1564, *Edmund Weston*. Ditto.  
 1593, *Richard Foster*, by *Isaac Astele*, Esq.  
 1617, *Richard Astley*, by *Francis Astley*, Esq.  
 1642, *Thomas Reyner*, by *Isaac Astley*.  
 1671, *Charles Spicer*, by *Sir Jacob Astley*, Bart.  
 1712, *Francis Fasquet*. Ditto.  
 1734, *Thomas Horseley*, by *Sir Philip Astley*, Bart.  
 1754, *Samuel Shaw*, by *Edward Astley*, Esq.; died in 1764.
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## MERSTON.

THE Bishop of *Norwich*'s manor of *Langham* extended into this town, and was the principal manor, the patronage of the church being in the see. In the 15th of *Edward I.* the Bishop claimed, as lord, frank pledge, a gallows, assise of bread and beer, wreck at sea, &c.

It remained in the see till granted to the Crown by act of parliament, in the 27th of *Henry VIII.* on an exchange of hands with that King and the Bishop, and was granted by King *Philip* and Queen *Mary*, January 20, ao. 2 and 3, together with *Langham*, to *Thomas Gresham*, Esq.; and by the marriage of his natural daughter, *Anne*, came to *Sir Nathaniel Bacon*, Knt. 2d son of *Sir Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper of the seal, and by his daughter and coheir, *Anne*, to *Sir*

*Roger Townsend*, Bart. and in the said family it remains, the Right Honourable *Charles* Lord Viscount *Townsend* being the present lord and patron.

*Mary* Dutches of *Richmond* and *Somerset*, widow of *Henry Fitz-Roy*, natural son of *Henry VIII.* had an interest here; and by an indenture, dated *April 10, ao. 30* of *Henry VIII.* demised and let to *Richard Fulmerston*, Gent. her two fold courses in *Langham* and *Merston*, with her salt marshes in *Merston*.

From these marshes and its site, by the great *German* ocean or sea, the town derives its name.

It appears that she had the Bishop's manors in both the aforesaid towns, and warren, and all the demean lands, &c. and before the grant to *Gresham*, were let to *William Cordel*, solicitor general to *Queen Mary*.

The King's manor of *Holt* extended also into this village; *Guert*, a younger brother of King *Harold*, who was slain in battle with him, had 30 acres and a borderer, with half a carucate, valued at two *oras* per ann.<sup>5</sup> (*ora* was a *Saxon* coin, some make it to be of the value of 16d. and some more; 15 of them made one pound, as the laws of *Canute* testify.)

In the reign of *Henry III.* *Jeffrey le Syre* held this of the family of *De Vaux*, and they of the Earl of *Albemarle*, by the 16th part of a fee. From the *Vauxes* it came to the *Nerfords*, and Lords *Ros*, and has been united many years to the Bishop's manor, as I take it.

*Roger Bigot* had also, at the survey, a small fee, out of which a freeman had been expelled, containing half a carucate of land, which *Turald* held under *Roger*, and 4 borderers belonged to it, with a carucate valued at 20s.<sup>6</sup>

This has been many years joined to the capital manor.

The tenths were 5*l.* 4*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *All-Saints*. The old valor was 30 marks, and the priory of *Norwich* had a portion valued at 13*s.* 4*d.* per ann. *Peter*-pence, 10*d.*; the present valor is 18*l.*

## RECTORS

In 1289, *Robert de Brundishe* instituted, presented by the King, in the vacancy of the see of *Norwich*.

In 1341, *Robert de Hales*, occurs rector.

1349, *Thomas Colyn*, by the Bishop.

1361, *John de Stowe*. Ditto.

1383, *Walter Poul*. Ditto.

1384, *Jann Curson*, by the King.

1399, *Richard Turner*, by the Bishop.

1435, Mr. *John Ayr*, S.T.B. Ditto.

1443, *John Est*. Ditto.

1478, *Florence*, by the Bishop of *Clogher* in *Ireland*. Ditto.

1500, *John Stanton*, by the King.

<sup>5</sup> In *Merstuna* *Guert* de xxx ac. et i ilib. ho. de dim. car. t're. que tenet bor. et dim. car. et val. ii oras. *Turald*. et iiii bor. et i car. et val. xx

<sup>6</sup> Terra *Rogeri Bigoti*—In *Marstuna* sol.



1507, *William Parys*, by the Bishop.  
*Thomas Baker*, rector.

1554, *William Umfrey*, by the assignees of *Richard*, late Bishop of *Norwich*.

1556, *Richard Marken*, by *Thomas Gresham*, Esq.

1596, *Ralph Furnes*, S.T.B. by *Nathaniel Bacon*, Esq.

*William Armstead*, rector, compounded for first fruits in 1606, presented by *Sir Nathaniel Bacon*.

*Richard Asteley* rector.

1796, *Theophilus Lowe*. Ditto.

1719, *William Wilson*, on *Thomas Nelson's* death, by the Lord *Townsend*.

Lord Viscount *Townsend*, lord and patron in 1742.

## SALTHOUSE.

THIS town, though now in the hundred of *Holt*, was a member or part of the hundred of *North Erpingham*, at the time of the grand survey, and is placed therein, where we find this account of it; that it was then the lordship of *William de Scohies*, or *de Escois*, and of *Seiar Bar* in King *Edward's* time, who had 3 carucates of land, 4 villains belonging to his demean, and 2 carucates among his tenants, and that it was always valued at 40s. soc and sac belonged to it, and it was measured in his other manor of *Saxlingham*.<sup>7</sup>

*William de Scohies* sold this, with many other lordships, to *Walter Giffard* Earl of *Buckingham*; and by an heiress of that family it came to the ancestor of the Earls of *Clare*, who were the capital lords of it.

The family of *De Kelling*, who held the principal lordship of *Kelling* under *Hugh* Earl of *Chester*, (and which extended into *Salthouse*.) held that also, and so were patrons of the churches belonging to the said towns.

*Sir Hubert de Kelling* was witness to a deed, *sans date*. There was an agreement between him and *Sir Thomas de Wabrune*, that *Hubert's* men of *Salthouse* should do suit to his mill here, and *Sir Thomas's* men at *Salthouse*, should do suit to *Sir Hubert's*, when they could not grind.

In the 34th of *Henry III.* it appears by a fine then levied, that *Aunger*, son of *Thomas de Rysing*, married *Agnes*, widow of *Sir Hubert de Kelling*, and held in her right the 3d part of the manors of *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, and that *Robert*, son of *Hubert*, had 2 parts, and they agreed to present alternately to the churches, *Agnes* to have the first turn; and in the 52d of that King, *Roger de Colville*, sheriff

<sup>7</sup> Terra Willi. de Scohies—Salthus mo. i sep. ii car. ho'um. silv. ad c por. ten. Seiar Bar T.R. E. iii car. t're. sep. tc. et sep. val. xj sol. et ille habet socam  
 iii vill. x bor. tc. iii in d'nio. et p. dim. et saca, et in Silling. e. mensurata.

of *Norfolk* and *Suffolk*, received of *Robert*, for not being a knight, 20s.

In the 15th of *Edward I.* *Hubert de Kelling* claimed view of frank pledge, a gallows, &c. in the said towns, &c. and held 3 quarters of a fee of *John Hastings*, and he of the Earl of *Gloucester* and *Clare*; by *Alice* his wife he had *Sir Robert de Kelling*, who, by *Lecia* his wife, had a son, *Robert*.

*Robert*, son and heir of *Sir Robert*, had 2 daughters and coheirs; *Maud*, married to *Sir Richard Harecourt*, and *Joan*, to *Walter*, son of *William de Holywell*, to whom he grants the aforesaid manors, in the 31st of the said King; and in the 19th of *Edward I.* *Sir Richard* and *Maud* released to *Sir Walter Holewell*, on the octaves, of *St. Andrew* the Apostle, all their part, to hold to them as long as *William*, father of *Walter*, should live, for his support, excepting for ever the right of presentation to the churches of *St. Nicholas* of *Salthouse*, and *St. Mary* of *Kelling*, and the moiety of the dower of *Alice*, formerly wife of *Hubert de Kelling*, when it shall happen, and after *William de Holywell's*, to hold it again for their lives.

The *Holewells* were a family of great antiquity in *Bedfordshire*.

Among the pleadings in King *Edward* the First's reign *Simon de Holewell* was possessed of lands in *Holewell* in the said county. *Mathew de Holewell* had *Thomas* his son, father of this *Simon*.

*Alice de Holewell*, patroness of the church of *Holewell*, granted to the abbot and convent of *Westacre* a portion of tithes in the church.

*Walter* aforesaid was afterwards knighted, and witness to a deed in the 15th of *Edward III.* and seems to die soon after.

*Joan* his widow, in the following year, by her deed, dated at *Gamlingeye* in *Cambridgeshire*, on the feast of *St. Margaret* the Virgin, sold all her interest in *Salthouse* and *Kelling* manors, with the advowsons, to *Sir John Avenel*, Knt. and made *Sir Gerard de Braybrake*, Knt. her attorney, to deliver seisin.

This *Sir John* married *Jane*, daughter and heir of *Sir Walter*, and in the 20th of *Edward III.* was found to hold 3 quarters of a fee of the heirs of *Hastings*, who held of the Earl of *Gloucester*: he was also lord of the manor of *Avenell* in *Gamlingeye*, and son of *Will. Avenel*, marshal of the household to the King of *Scots*, and *William* was son of *Ralph de Avenel*, who was living in the 8th of *Henry III.*

King *Edward III.* in his 21st year, by letters patents, dated at *Calais*, July 20, granted to him free warren in all his demean lands in these towns.

*Sir John* dying in *Britany*, in the 33d of the said King, left *John* his son and heir, and being a knight, attended *John* Duke of *Lancaster* King of *Castile* and *Leon*, into *Spain*, and it is probable died in that expedition, and bore for his arms, *argent*, a fess between six annulets, *gules*.

About the 10th of *Richard II.* *John de Bokenham* Bishop of *Lincoln* conveyed by fine, probably as a trustee, to *Robert de Avenel* (son of *Sir John*) and to *Julian* his wife, daughter of *Sir Robert Belknap*, chief justice of the Common Pleas, these manors and advowsons, with those of *Holewell* in *Bedfordshire*, *Beeches* and *Gaunts* in *Wimple*, *Cambridgeshire*, with that of *Gamlingeye*.

In the 12th of the said King, the said Bishop made a lease for 15 years of the manors of *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, to *Sir Robert Belknap*,

and confirmed the manors to *Robert Avenel* and *Julian* his wife, and their heirs.

It is proper to observe here, that in this year, Sir *Robert Belknap* was banished into *Ireland*, and the King had entered on these two lordships; I find, by the escheators accounts, that he desired to be discharged of the issues and profits of them, which Sir *Robert* held August 1, in the 11th of *Richard II.* on which day he forfeited his lands and tenements, because demised by *John de Buckenham*, Bishop of *Lincoln*, and which *Julian*, daughter of Sir *Robert*, wife of *John Avenel*, yet living, held, and which after the death of the said *Julian*, was to revert to the said *Robert* and *Julian* his wife, and their heirs, extended at 100s. per ann. here being 70s. rent per ann. a windmill, issues of pleas, and profits of courts, profits of a fair held on the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross, with the advowsons; and in the 15th of that King, *John Burton*, clerk, had a grant of these manors, together with *Philip de Tilney*, *William de Castleacre*, *Nicholas de Styeccle*, Knights, and many others, dated March 30.

*Julian* aforesaid, on the death of *Robert Avenel*, remarried *Nicholas Kymbell*, Esq. of *Bedfordshire*; but it appears that she had by *Avenel*, a daughter and heir, *Alice*, who married *John Fastolf* of *Fishley*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. by whom she had also a daughter and heir, *Alice*, who married *Edmund Wychingham* of *Fishley* and *Upton*, Esq. 2d son of *Nicholas de Wychingham*, 2d son of *William de Wychingham* and *Margaret* his wife: this *Edmund* left, by the said *Alice*, 4 daughters and coheirs; *Elizabeth*, married to *William Berdwell*, Esq. of *West Herling*; *Frances*, to Sir *William Nevill* of *Burscombe* in *Gloucestershire*; *Amy*, to *Richard Southwell* of *Wood Rising*; and *Joan* to Sir *Richard Longstrother*, and after to *Robert Boys*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Nicholas Kymbell* and *Julian* his wife held a quarter of a fee in *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, of the Earl of *March*. In the 5th of *Henry V.* they, by deed, dated on *Friday* after the feast of *St. John Baptist*, demise to certain feoffees, the said manors and advowsons, with wreck at sea, &c. *Kymbell* sealing with a bell; and in the year preceding, it appears they had an annuity of 100s. payable out of them, and in the 2d year of *Henry V.* conveyed to *Thomas Walsingham*, &c. the advowson of the church of *Salthouse*.

At this time these 2 lordships were in the hands of feoffees. *John Woodhouse*, *Edmund Oldhall*, Esq. &c. confirm by deed, dated at *Salthouse*, on *Monday* next after the feast of *St. Peter ad Vincula*, in the 4th of *Henry V.* to Sir *Ric. Whittington*, Sir *Thos. Fauconer*, *Withiam Waldern*, citizens and aldermen of *London*, the said manors in trust; *Woodhouse* sealed as the family at this day, and *Oldhall* with a lion's head erased, and *Whittington*, &c. confirmed it in the following year, to *Nicholas Wychingham*, &c. In the 28th of *Henry VI.* *Edmund Wychingham* confirmed his manor here to Sir *Henry Inglos*, &c. and Sir *Henry* grants his lordship by will in 1451, to the Lady *Hkoteschale* for life.

In the 38th of *Henry VI.* *William Calthorp*, Esq. *Nicholas Appleyard*, &c. feoffees, confirmed to *Edmund Wychingham* and *Alice* his wife, these manors, view of frank pledge, wreck at sea, a mercate, warren, gallows, &c. and in the 12th of *Edward IV.* an exemplification under the great seal was made on May 10, (at the request of *Edmund Wychingham* and *Alice* his wife, *William Berdwell*, junior,

Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, lords of these manors) of 2 charters made to Sir *John Avenel*, one of free warren, dated *July 20*, at *Calais*, in the 21st of *Edward III.* the other of a mercate weekly, on *Tuesday*, at *Kelling*, and a fair on the eve and the feast of the exaltation of the Holy Cross.

By an indenture, bearing date *September 8*, in the 13th of *Henry VII.* an exchange was made of the manor of *Wychingham* (as then called) between Sir *Henry Heydon* and *William Berdwell*, Esq. for that of *Drayton Hall* in *Scarning*, and *Dillington*; and whereas that of *Wychingham* in *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, was 30s. per ann. superiour to that of *Drayton*, Sir *Henry* agrees to pay an annual rent of 30s. to *Berdwell*; and in the 24th of *Henry VIII.* *John Wooton* of *North Tudenham*, Esq. and *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter and heir of *Robert Berdwell*, Esq. confirmed the said exchange to Sir *Henry Heydon*.

It appears that great disputes arose notwithstanding this settlement: Sir *Edward Belknap*, Knt. cousin and heir to Sir *Robert*, who was attainted, (being restored in blood and possessions, as heir to him, in the parliament holden on *February 1*, in the 6th of *Henry VIII.*) claimed right and title to these manors, and to those of *West Wickham*, *Keaton*, *Easton*, and *Southcourt* in *Kent*, and *John Heydon* was obliged to purchase *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, of Sir *Edmund*, on *June 13*, in the 7th of *Henry VIII.*

From the *Heydons* it came to *Thomas Croft*, Esq. of *Sheringham*, who in the 35th of *Elizabeth*, mortgaged this manor called *Bardwell's*, in *Salthouse* and *Kelling*, with the manor of *Ilketeshale* in *Kelling*, to *Thomas Thetford*, Esq. with all the rents, services, foldcourses, &c. clear of all incumbrance done by him, Sir *William Heydon*, or Sir *Christopher*, father of Sir *William*.

In 1714, *John Leng*, Esq. was lord, and presented; and in 1745, *John Leng*, Esq.

The son of the Reverend Mr. *Girdleston*, a minor, is now lord and patron.

The tenths were 8*l.* Deducted 1*l.* 18*s.* 8*d.*

The CHURCH of *Salthouse* is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Nicholas*, and was valued at 40 marks. *Peter-pence* 9*d.*

The priory of *Westacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 6*s.* 8*d.* per ann.

The present church was built by Sir *Henry Heydon* in the beginning of the reign of *Henry VII.*

The present valor is 20*l.*

#### RECTORS.

*Robert de Salthouse* occurs rector in 1266.

*Symon de Bodham*, rector.

1322, *John de Orenden* instituted rector, presented by Sir *Walter de Holwell*.

1327, Mr. *Robert Inge*. Ditto.

1337, *William de Rythere*. Ditto.

*John de Rose*.

1360, Mr. *John Blaunohard*, by Sir *Warine de Bassingborn*, and *Mary* his wife.

1361, *Henry Attewell*, by *John*, son and heir of *Sir John de Avenel*, deceased.

*Henry Knoff*.

1370, *Robert Archer*, by *Nich. de Stivekele*.

1397, *John Clerk*, by the King.

1398, *John Playford*, by the King.

1409, *John Wychingham*, by *Nicholas Kymbell*.

1416, *Nicholas Kent*, by *John Cornwallleys*, and *John Torell*, Esq.

1417, *Henry Bamme*, by *Thomas Walsingham*, &c.

1420, *William Kyrre*. Ditto.

1421, *Edmund le Ker*. Ditto.

1443, *Robert Colyn*, by *Thomas Walsingham*, Esq.

1458, *William Brewster*. Ditto.

1476, *William Rougham*, by *John Heydon*, Esq.

1495, *William Herwer*, by *Sir Henry Heydon*.

1500, *Robert Sawyer*. Ditto.

*Steph. Prowet*.

1559, *Greg. Madys*, by *Sir Christopher Heydon*.

1560, *Christopher Nuttall*. Ditto.

1589, *Steph. Gervys*, by *Sir William Heydon*.

1592, *Robert Hetherington*, A.M. Ditto.

*Thomas Dawney* compounded for first fruits, as rector, in June 1613, presented by the *Lady Sydney*,

*Edmund Dawney* compounded in 1643.

*Charles Worsley* died rector 1682.

*Thomas Bainbrigg*, rector on his death.

1714, *Thomas Turner*, by *John Lang*, Gent.

1745, *John Beales*, presented by *John Leng*, Esq.

## SAXLINGHAM.

HERE were several lordships belonging to this town, which I shall treat of in their order.

*William Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford* held at the survey a manor belonging to his see, which *Aylmer* the Bishop of *Elmham*, held in the time of the Confessor, with one carucate of land, 7 borderers, one servus, and one carucate in demean, and half a one among the tenants, and 2 acres of meadow, valued in his lordship of *Thornage*, and a church endowed with 12 acres, and of *Thornage* manor, (to which this was a bernite,) the said Bishop had a carucate and an half valued at 20s.; it was 7 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 2s. gelt.

The aforesaid Bishop had also another manor in this town, in his own right, as a lay see, which two freemen held under King *Herold*, with a carucate and an half of land, and 7 borderers, with 2 carucates and 5 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, valued then at 20s. at the survey at 30s. and *Lagaam*, a freeman, retained here 30 acres and

one borderer. Here was also a carucate and 2 acres of meadow valued at 5s. now at 7s.<sup>2</sup>

These two lordships though now accounted as lying in the hundred of *Holt*, are there mentioned at that time, as being in the hundred of *Galgou*, or *Galkow*. What I have met with, relating to them, I shall treat of according as I find it in order of time.

In the 10th of *Richard I.* a fine was levied between *William de Noers*, petent, and *Wilham*, son of *Roger*, tenent of lands here, and in the said year another between *Peter de Mealton* petent, and *Roger*, son of *Gerold*, tenent, of the fourth part of a fee in *Saxlingham*, and *Langham*, whereby it was acknowledged to be the right of *Peter*, who granted the land in *Saxlingham*, to *Roger*, to be held of *Peter*, except *Hobb's Croft* in this town, and all the arable land which *Roger* held in *Langham*.

*Thomas*, son of *Ulf*, acknowledged in the 12th of *Henry III.* that he held lands here of *Simon de Nodarijs*, (*Nowers*,) by fine then levied, and about the 20th of the said King, *John de Saxlingham* was found to hold a fee of *William de Shipden*, and he of the Bishop; and in the 14th of *Edward I.* *Roger de Saxlingham*, and *Simon de Noers* were lords, and patrons of the church; and *John de Saxlingham* and *Margaret* his wife were querents, *William de Colby* deforciant, in a fine in the 2d of *Edward II.* of 8 messuages, 3 tofts, 1 mill, and 140 acres of land, in this town, *Bayfield*, &c.; and in the 6th of that King, another between *Robert de Nowers* and *Alice* his wife, and *John de Saxlingham*, parson of *Swanton*, of this manor and advowson, and *Tweyt* manor, settled on *Robert* and *Alice*. *Edmund de Mounpinzun*, *Robert de Thursferd*, &c. trustees, confirmed to the aforesaid *Robert* and *Alice*, in the 13th of the said King, the homages and services of *John de Saxlingham*, for a knight's fee here, and the manor of *Hungry Swanton*, with the advowson.

Sir *Robert de Nowers* presented to this church in 1329, and *John de Saxlingham* in 1343, each lord having an alternate presentation.

In the 24th of *Edward III.* *John de Noers* grants to *Fulk Mompinzun*, *Adam de Sheringham*, &c. in trust, his manor of *Iteringham*, lands, rents and services, in *Elmham*; a mill, 50 acres of land in *Swanton*, and *Bruningham*,<sup>3</sup> with the reversion of *Saxlingham*, *Swanton*, and *Tweyt* manors, which *Alice* his mother held for life.

Sir *Stephen de Hales* presented in 1383, and *Robert Plomley* in 1413, styled *Domicellus*,<sup>4</sup> and was in right (as I take it) of *John de Saxlingham's* lordship.

Sir *William Oldhall* presented, on account of his manor of *Nowers*, in 1437; and *Agnes Lynaker de Brampton* in *Derbyshire*, in 1443, as lady of *John de Saxlingham's* lordship.

<sup>2</sup> Terra Will. Ep. Tedfordensis ad episcopat. p' tinen. T. R. E. — Saxlingham tenuit A. T. R. E. p' man. et p' i car. tre. mo. tenet ep's. sep. vii bor. et i ser. et i car. in d'nio. et dim. car. hom. ii ac. p'ti. app'riatu' e. in Toredis i ecclia de xii ac. De hoc man. tenet W. dim. car. tre. et i car. et val. xx sol. ht. vii quar. in long. et v in lat. et ii sol. de gelt. — Terre ejusdem de feudo. — In Saxelingham teh. Heroldus ii

lib. ho'es de i car. terre et dim. mo. ten. ces Will. ep. et scmp. vii bord. tnc. ii car. mo. ii et dim. et v ac. p'ti. et d. mol. tc. val. xx sol. mo. xxx adhuc tenet h. in ead. villa Lagaam i lib. ho. xxx ac. et i bord. sep. i car. ii ac. p'ti. tc. val. v sol. mo. vii sol.

<sup>3</sup> Regist. Walsingham, fol. 164.

<sup>4</sup> The heiress of Thomas de Saxlingham was married to Thomas Plomley, father of Robert. See in Lotheringset.

Sir William Oldhall in 1446, and John Lynaker in 1474

The manor of *Nowers* was after in John Bertram, Gent. who by his will dated July 15, 1462, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel of this church near to his first wife, and appoints his sons, *Thomas* and *John*, executors; to his wife 10 marks *per ann.* out of his manor of *Nowers* for life; to *Thomas* his son this lordship in tail male, with that of *Gunthorp*;\* to *John* the manor of *Flitcham* for life, or till he should be promoted to a higher ecclesiastical degree, then that manor to go to the priory of *Walsingham*, to find one canon there, and to keep his anniversary: to *Elizabeth* his daughter, a nun at *Carhow*, 40s. *per ann.*; to *Mary* and *Anne* his daughters 40s. *per ann.* each, out of his manor called *Recoets* in *West Newton*, for their lives, and his messuages called *Woden* and *Pagets*, to be sold with that manor afterwards.

*Thomas Bertram*, his son was lord, and living in 1488, but in 1478 *John Albin*, Gent. presented, and in 1506 *John Heydon*, Esq. and in 1509 *Robert Lynaker*, Esq.

Soon after this both manors were united, and in the *Heydon* family, and in the 33d of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Croft*, Esq. and *Thomas Oxburgh*, Esq. had a *præcipe* to deliver the manors of *Saxlingham*, *Nowers*, or *Bertram's*, with that of *Linacres*, to *Henry Sidney* of *Walsingham*, Esq. with those of *Letheringset* and *Hunworth*, from Sir *Henry Sydney*, this united came to *Thomas Jermy*, Esq.

Sir *Francis Guybon* was lord in 1696, and his son and heir sold it to *Richard Warner*, Esq. of *Elmham*, about the year 1715, and was lord and patron, on whose death it came to *Elizabeth* his daughter and coheir, relict of *Paul Jodrell*, Esq. Attorney General to *Frederick Prince of Wales*.

The manor-house stands a little towards the south of the church, and seems to have been built by *John Heydon*, who married a daughter of the Lord *Willoughby*.

Over the porch of it are the arms of *Heydon*, quarterly, *argent* and *gules*, a cross engrailed, counterchanged:—crest, a talbot, and supporters, two naked men; also *Heydon* impaling quarterly, in the first and fourth a cross engrailed, *Ufford*, and in the 2d and 3d a cross moline, *Willoughby*; *Heydon* impaling *Drury*.

In the great parlour, *Heydon* and his quarterings, impaling *Drury* with his quarterings—*Heydon* and his quarterings impaling *Carew* of *Cornwall* and his quarterings; *Heydon*, &c. impaling *Woodhouse* of *Waxham*—*Heydon*, &c. impaling *Rivet* and his quarterings—*Heydon* impaling *Crane* of *Suffolk*; and on the top of the house is a place to take a view of the country.

*Peter Lord Valoins* had a lordship which *Theodorick* a freemen held before, consisting of half a carucate of land, and one carucate with 2 borderers, and 2 acres of meadow, valued formerly at 2s. at the survey at 5s.<sup>3</sup> and placed under *Gallow* hundred.

In *Henry* the First's reign, on the foundation of *Binham* priory, *Tire*, a knight of his enfeoff of his manor, gave two parts of his tithes to that priory.<sup>4</sup>

About the 3d of *Henry III.* *Agnes de Ratlesden* held in this town,

\* Regist. Brosyard, 2d pt. fol. 301.

<sup>3</sup> Terræ Petri Valoniens.—In Sax-  
lingham tenet Theodorick. ib. ho. de

dim. car. tre. tc. i car. mo. simil. sep.  
ii bor. ii ac. p'ti. tc'. val. iis. mo. v. s.

<sup>4</sup> Reg. Binham, fol. 1, 2, 195.

*Dalling, Geystweyt, and Riburgh Parva*, two knights fees of *David Cumin*, descended from the Lord *Valoins*; and in the said reign *Agatha de How* held the fourth part of a fee of *Simon de Ratlesden*, and *Sim. Ratlesden* was found in the 14th of *Edward II.* to hold of *Admund le Comyn*.

In the 18th of *Edward III.* a fine was levied between *John de Scothow* and *Agnes* his wife, *John Franks* and *Aveline* his wife, que-rents, *William de Berkele*, chaplain, and *John Neuman* of *Scothow*, deforciant, of the fourth part of the manor of *Northall* in *Saxlingham*, of 2 messuages, 36 acres of land, 5 of meadow, 7 of heath, with 4s. rent in this town and *Briston*, conveyed to *John Scothow*; and in the 20th of that King, *William Miles* and his parceners held the fourth part of a fee of *John de Ratlesden*, which *Agatha de How* formerly held. *Roger Atte Cross* and his parceners held it in the 3d of *Henry IV.*

After this it was united to the lordship aforementioned.

The abbot of *Savigny* in *France* had also a lordship in the 41st of *Henry III.* and in 1428, their temporalities were valued at 44s. 5d.

King *Henry VI.* in his 7th year, *June 27*, granted it to Sir *Robert Dudley*, after Earl of *Leicester*.

The tenths were 4l.—Deducted 1l.

THE CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *St. Margaret*, the old valor was 20 marks, *Peter-pence* 12d.; the prior of *Bynham* had a portion of tithe valued at 10s. *per ann.* The present valor is 12l. 12s. 8d. ob.

It is a small pile covered with lead, and has a little tower.

In the area of the chancel, covered also with lead, is a very curious monument, erected by Sir *Christopher Heydon*, for his Lady *Mirabel*, with her effigies kneeling under an arch, and over her a pyramid rises near the height of the chancel, adorned with many hieroglyphical figures, after the manner and taste of the *Egyptians*; a large account and description of it, may be seen in the account of the *Heydon* family in *Baconsthorp*.

In the east window of the chancel were the arms of *Heydon* impaling *Drury*—*Heydon* impaling *Carew*—azure, three boars passant, or, *Bacon*.

Those of *Boleyn*—*Boleyn*, impaling Lord *Hoo*, and *St. Omer*, quarterley, and *St. Leger* in an escutcheon of pretence.

## RECTORS.

*Simon de Kelling* occurs rector in the 14th of *Edward I.*

1329, *Thomas Godwine*, presented by Sir *Robert Nowers*, Knt.

1343, *Thomas de Saxlingham*, by *John de Saxlingham*.

1383, *Jeff. de Hambury*, by Sir *Steph. de Hales*.

1413, *Thomas Plomley* and *Robert Plomley*.

1437, *Steph. Shirreeve*, by Sir *William Oldhall*, *hac vice*.

1443, *Tho. Plumley*, by *Agnes Lynaker* of *Brampton* in *Derbyshire*.

1446, *Thomas Wode*, by Sir *William Oldhall*.

1474, *William Lynckene*, by *John Lynekere*.

1475, Mr *John Aptewell*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1478, *Steph. Cuckoo*, by *John Allen*, Gent.



- 1506, *William Webster*, by *John Heydon*, Esq.  
 1509, *Nicholas Bothe*, by *Robert Lynacre*, Esq.  
 1543, *Nicholas Pratt*, by Sir *John Heydon*.  
 1554, *Henry Curson*, by Sir *Christopher Heydon*.  
 1566, *Thomas White*. Ditto.  
 1587, *Salom. Smith*, by Sir *William Heydon*.

*William Christian* occurs rector 1625.

*Samuel Thornton*, rector, died in 1724, and *John Tompson* succeeded, by *John Jermy*, senior, Esq.

1733, *Joseph Lane*, presented by *Richard Warner*, Esq. died in 1758, and was succeeded by *Richard Eglington*, presented by *Elizabeth Jodrell*, widow.

In the church were the gilds of St. *Margaret*, and *John Baptist*.

The portion of the priory of *Bingham*, was granted to *Thomas Paston*, Esq. November 15, in the 33d of Henry VIII.

## SHARINGTON

Was a beruite belonging to the Conqueror's manor of *Fakenham*, held by King *Harold* at his death, of a carucate of land, and 9 borderers, with one in demean, and one among the tenants, &c. and 3 socmen held 6 acres; it was 7 furlongs long, and 6 broad, and paid 10d. gelt, and one freeman, *Ketel*, had lands, which, on the death of King *Edward*, were added to the King's manor of *Holt*.<sup>s</sup>

The Conqueror had also 8 socmen here, and 6 borderers belonging to his manor of *Holt*, who ploughed 2 carucates of land, valued at 20s. per ann. in King *Edward's* time, but at the survey at 40s.

In the 3d of Henry III. *Hamon Fitz Peter* was petent, and *Gregory de Sharenton*, deforciant, in a fine of lands in this town: and in the 12th of that King *Peter de Sharnington* conveyed lands to *Olina*, daughter of *Alan*, son of *Jordan*, and it appears that these lordships were in this reign in the Earls of *Clare*, who were the capital lords.

*Peter de Letheringset* held here, in *Cley*, *Holt*, &c. a fee in the 16th of *Edward I.* and *John de Broughton* in the 18th of *Edward II.* the fourth part of a fee of the honour of *Clare*, and in 1323 presented to this church, and in 1327 as lord of *Scarneton*, or *Sharnington*, as the institution books testify.

*Robert de Broughton* was lord in 1349, son of Sir *John de Broughton*, who in 1346 was found to hold a quarter of a fee of the Earl of *Gloucester*, which *Philip de Broughton* formerly held, and in 1361, *Robert de Broughton* presented.

<sup>s</sup> In *Scarnetuna* jacet i beruite et p'tinet ad *Facena* de i car. tre. et ix bor. sep. in d'nio i car. tnc. houn i car. tnc. xxx ov. mo. lx et iii soc. de vi ac. et ht. in long. vii quar. et vi in lat. et xd.

in g'. ad *Holt* est additu' i lib. ho. *Ketel* p'. morte' Regis Ed.—In *Scarnetuna* viii soc. et vi bor. qd. p'tinet in *Molt*. et hi arant ii car. tc. val. xx sol. t. r. s. mo. xl.

Soon after this *William Daubenye* was lord, and presented in 1364.

In the 5th of *Richard II.* *Edmund de Mortimer* Earl of *March* was the capital lord, and had the lete, as appears by the escheat rolls, and *Roger* was found his son and heir, who was lord in the 22d of that King, and in 1389, and 1394, *William Daubeney* presented, and in the 3d of *Henry IV.* was found to hold a quarter of a fee of the Earl of *March*, as was *Thomas Hales* to hold lands of the manor of *Holt*, *Robert Mey* was also found to hold lands by knight's service in the 3d of *Henry VI.* of *Edmund* Earl of *March*.

*William Daubeney*, Esq. of *Sharington* was living in 1433, and 1474, and lord.

*Thomas Daubeney*, Esq. his son and heir, married *Anne*, daughter of *Robert Warner*; by his will dated *October* 27, 1527, bequeaths his body to be buried in the chancel of this church: appoints *Giles Daubeney*, clerk, his son, executor, to *Ath.* his son, this lordship, with that of *North Berlingham*. *Henry* his son mentioned, and was proved *August*, 8, 153-.

The aforesaid *Henry*, his son, presented as lord in 1533, and was living in 1554; he married - - - -, daughter of *Thomas Lumner* of *Manington*, by whom he had a son, *Gyles*, who died s. p. and *Christopher*, who was lord, and presented in 1565.

After this it came to the *Hunts*, and in 1601, *William Hunt* was lord, and presented.

On an inquisition taken of lunacy, on *September* 20, in the 20th of *Charles* the First, it was found that *Margaret*, daughter of *George Briggs*, and widow of *William Hunt*, son and heir of Sir *Thomas Hunt*, was a lunatick, and seized for life of the manors of *Sharington*, *Holt Hales*, *Geyst*, *Wichingham*, &c. and *Thomas Hunt*, Gent. was her son and heir, and married to *Anne*, daughter of *John Sherwood*, M. D. From the *Hunts* it was conveyed to Mr. *Newman*, Gent. whose son and heir, *William Newman*, Esq. was lord, and high sheriff of *Norfolk* in 1702, and patron of the church, from whom it came to *Richard Warner*, Esq. of *Elmham*.

The Earl of *Richmond's* manor of *Batheley*, or *Bale*, extended into this town. *Thomas*, son of *Gilbert de Hindringham*, held it in the 10th of *Edward I.* *William Daubeney*, in the reign of *Henry VI.* and *Edward IV.*

*Thomas Reve* and *Giles Isham* had a grant of lands here and in *Field Dolling*, in the tenure of *Thomas Saxton*, belonging lately to the priory of *Blackburgh*, dated *July* 23, in the 2d of *Queen Mary*.

The temporalities of *Fakenham-dam* were 7d.; of *Walsingham* 2s. 5d.; *Wayborn* priory 4d. ob. Messuages and lands were granted *June* 20, in 37th of *Henry VIII.* to *Richard Heydon*.

Tenthhs 3l. 15s.—Deduct 15s.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *All-Saints*, the old valor was 18 marks, *Peter-pence* 10d. and the preceptory of *Kerbroke* had a portion of 5s.; the present valor is 10l.

## RECTORS.

In 1323, *Simon de Morton* instituted, presented by *John de Broughton*.

1327, *John de Broughton*. Ditto.

1349, *Ralph de Broughton*, by *Robert de Broughton*, &c.

1360, *Richard de Aylaby*, by *Robert de Broughton*, &c.

1361, *Ralph de Broughton*. Ditto.

1364, *Robert Barry*, by *William Daubency*.

1389, *Robert Daubency*. Ditto.

1394, *Roger White*. Ditto.

1433, *Robert Daubency*, by *Gregory Irmingland*, and *John Estker*, clerk.

1433, *John Estker*, by *William Daubency*, Esq.

1445, *Thomas Syko*. Ditto.

1451, *William Aleyn*.

1458, *Mr. John Botolf*. Ditto.

1486, *Robert Daubency*, by *Thomas Daubency*, Esq.

1500, *Walter Barnard*, rector, by ditto.

1551, *Mr. Giles Daubency*. Ditto.

1533, *Leonard Hadon*, by *Henry Daubency*.

1539, *Thomas Hunt*. Ditto.

1554, *William Manser*, A.M. by *Sir Richard Southwell*, Knt. assignee of *Henry Daubency*.

1559, *Thomas Whitby*, LL.B. collated by the Bishop's vicar-general, a lapse.

1565, *Nicholas Ruckesby*, by *Christopher Daubency*.

1601, *John Stallon*, by *William Hunt*.

*Anthony Watts*, rector, compounded in 1612.

*Christopher Hunt*, rector, compounded June 9, 1641.

1720, *Nicholas Neech*, by *Richard Warner*, Esq.

1724, *Thomas Burton*. Ditto.

1732, *Joseph Lane*, by ditto.

1758, *Richard Eglington*, by *Elizabeth Jodrell*, widow.

*John Daubency*, of *Caster*, by *Yarmouth*, Gent. buried in this church, in 1469.

*Richard Holditch* of *Sherington*, buried here in 1526.

## STODY.

**PART** of this town belonged to the King's manor of *Holt*, who had one socman, who held 2 acres and an half of land, and paid 2s. 6d. per ann.<sup>6</sup>

The family of *De Pever* held this in the reign of King *John*, with the family of *De Stody*, together with the King's lordship in *Hunworth*, to which I refer the reader.

The principal lordship belonged to *Ralph*, brother of *Ilgar*, out of which a freeman of *Herold* had been expelled, who had 2 carucates of land, and *Ro.* held it of *Ralph*, for a manor; 8 villains, 7 borderers, and one servus belonged to it, 2 carucates in demean, one and a half among the tenants, paunage for 40 swine, 6 acres of meadow, 3 mills, 2 beasts for burdens, 9 cows, &c. 40 sheep, 60 goats, &c. and 3 skeps of bees, and 4 socmen with 26 acres and half a carucate, valued in King *Edward's* reign at 30s. at the survey at 40s.; twenty-five acres and half a carucate in *Laringset* was valued with this manor.<sup>7</sup>

The town takes its name from *Stow*, a dwelling, and *Eia* by the water.

Who this *Ro.* was, that held it at the survey under *Ralph*, does not appear.

This lordship, with that of *Edgesfeld*, seems to have been soon after in the family of *De Edisfeld*, lord of *Edisfeld*. *Peter de Edisfeld*, son of *William*, left by *Hawise* his wife, a daughter and heir, *Lætitia*, who brought it by marriage to Sir *William de Rosceline*, who with his lady conveyed it by fine in the 12th of *Henry III.* to *Roger le Povere* and *Beatrice* his wife, by the service of 3 parts of a fee, then released to *Roger* and his heirs. *John de Povere* was found, in the said reign, to hold here and in *Hunworth* one fee of *Robert Fitz Roger*; and in the 51st of that King, *Robert le Povere* of *Stodey* had a charter for free warren, in all his demean lands in this town, *Hunworth*, *Letheringset*, *Briston*, *Fretenham*, *Belagh*, and *Attlebrig*. Sir *John le Povere* was lord in the 30th of *Edward I.* and in 1316, *Peter le Povere* of *Laringsete* presented to this church.

*Thomas de Schotesham*, parson of *Holt*, released in the 4th of *Edward III.* to *Robert Em* of *Stody*, chaplain, all his right in the lands which he had of the grant of *William le Povere* of *Laringsete*, dated July 20; and in the 6th of that King, Sir *Edmund de Soterley* and *Joan* his wife settled on *Roger* his son and *Sibila* his wife, this lordship; and in the 17th of that reign, the said *Roger* granted the whole

<sup>6</sup> In *Stodeia*—i soc. et de ii ac. dim'. et reddit ii oras.

<sup>7</sup> Terra *Kanulfi* fr'is *Ilgeri*—In *Estodeia* ten. ide' lib. ho. de ii car. tre *Heroldi* mo. Ro. p' man. semp. viii vill. et vii bor. et i ser. et in d' nio. ii car et ho'um i car. et dim. alva ad xl por. vi

ac. p'ti iii mol. tc. ii r. mo. i mo. ix an. tc. v por. mo. xii mo. xl ov. tc. lx cap. mo. xxv et iii vas' apu'. et iii soc. de xvi ac. et dim. car tc. val. xxx sol. mo. lx huic man. p'tin. xxv ac. et dim. car. in *Laringseta* app'tiat. cum man.

manor of *Uggeshale* in *Suffolk* on the Lady *Joan* his mother for life, provided she claimed no dower in the manors of *Stody*, and *Soterley* in *Suffolk*, by deed dated on *Wednesday* next after the feast of the decollation of *St. John Baptist*; and *Roger* presented to this church in 1344; and soon after, in the said year, *John de Stodey*, citizen of *London*, presented; he likewise presented in 1349, and 1374.

It seems that *William le Povere* conveyed to him, about 1344, this advowson, with an acre of land.

That the *Stodeys* had an interest here and in *Hunworth* appears from a fine of lands between *Isabella de Stodey*, *Geffrey* her son, and *Roger le Povere* and *Beatris* his wife, in the 14th of King *John*; and *John de Stodey* had a lordship in *Hunworth* in 1315, and seems to be father of *John de Stodey*, citizen of *London*, who presented to this church, as I have observed, in 1344, &c. and also to *Hunworth* in 1349, &c.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* he, being then a knight, by deed dated at *Stody*, manumised *John Hanes*, *Alice*, and *Margery*, daughters of *Ralph*, and granted to them all their goods and chattels whatsoever, to which deed *Roger le Percers*, *William de Gremesby*, *John de Briston*, *Reginald de Reppa*, *Peter le Povere*, &c. were witnesses; the seal was of white wax, about the bigness of a shilling, the impress worn out: *Stow* says his arms were, *crmine*, a cross engrailed *sable*, charged with a leopard's head, —: he was sheriff of *London* in 1352, and lord mayor in 1357, and free of the Vintners company; he gave to them all the quadrant, where the Vintners hall now is built, with tenements round about, from the lane yet called *Stodey's-lane*, to the lane called *Anker-lane*, where are founded thirteen houses for thirteen poor people, which hitherto are there kept of charity rent free.<sup>a</sup> This was probably his own house; that he lived in the *Vintry*, appears from his will dated, *April 20*, 1376, and was buried in the new chapel, on the north side of the church of *St. Martin's Vintry*; he gave many legacies to pious uses, 20*s.* to the church of *Stodey*; 13*s.* 4*d.* to that of *Hunworth*; 10*s.* to that of *Bruningham*; and appointed a chaplain to pray for him in the church of *Hunworth*: released to all of his family living in *Norfolk*, all debts, &c. except their rents. By *Joan* his lady he had several children, *William*, *Thomas*, and *John*: *Idonea*, a daughter, married to *Sir Nicholas Brember*, lord mayor of *London* in 1377, *Joan*, and *Eleanor*: one of these seems to have married *John de Burlingham*, whom he calls his son.

Besides this lordship held by *Sir John Stodey*, in the 20th of *Edward III.* *Roger de Soterley*,<sup>b</sup> held a quarter of a fee, and *Raulina de Briston*, a quarter of a fee here and in *Hunworth*, which *John le Povere* and his tenants formerly held, at the same time *John de Kergate*, *Robert Atte Parke*, and *Miriol de Coldib* held in the said towns half a fee of the heirs of — *de Clavering*, which *John de Povere*, &c. formerly held.

In 1381, *John de Blakeney*, &c. presented as lord, and in 1393; in 1406, *John Clerc* and *Sir Simon Felbrigg* in 1422, probably as a trustee, by the will of the Lady *Catherine Braunch*, relict of *Sir John Braunch*, dated at *Caistre* by *Yarmouth*, on *Saturday* after the feast

<sup>a</sup> Grafton's abridgment of the *Chronicles of England*, fol. 88.

<sup>b</sup> *Soterley*, of *Soterley* in *Suffolk*, bore

gules a fess between 3 round buckles, argent.

of *St. Peter ad Vincula*, 1420, and proved Sep. 5, in the said year: we find that she was possessed of the manor of *Stodey*;<sup>1</sup> gave to this church 6s. 8d. By Sir *John* she left 3 sons: Sir *Philip Braunch*, to whom she gave a salt-cote, at *Flete* in *Lincolnshire*; to *William*, the manor of *Wigenhale St. Germans*; to *John* her son, this lordship of *Stodey*, with all the things thereto belonging, which lordship, with that of *Hunsworth*, she held in the 3d of *Henry IV.* by a quarter of a fee; and in 1430, the aforesaid *John Braunch*, Esq. presented to this church.

About 1440, *Robert Crane* and *Reginald Rous* settled it on *Ralph Lampet*, Esq. and *Margaret* his wife in tail, (probably, daughter of *John Braunch*, Esq.) remainder to the heirs of the said *John*, and *Ralph* presented in 1440, and 1446; but in 1471, *Robert Braunch*, Esq. was lord and patron.\* *Jane Braunch*, widow of the said *Robert* by her will dated April 17, 1505, bequeaths her body to be buried in the chancel of this church, by her late husband; appoints her daughter *Agnes*, and her husband *Robert Kebyll* her executors; mentions *John Braunch*, her grandson, and son and heir of *Henry Braunch*; calls *Jane Daniel* her niece, (daughter, as I take it, of *Henry Daniel* of *Appleton* in *Norfolk*, and *Agnes* his wife, sister of *Robert Braunch*, Esq.) and *John Heydon*, Esq. supervisor of her will, which was proved May 21, following.

*John Braunch* inherited it, as heir, and was lord and patron in 1534; in the 28th of *Henry VIII.* he conveyed it by fine to *John Bozoun*, Esq. with the manors of *Taverham*, and *Bruningham Braunch's*.

*Robert Bozoun* of *Stodey*, Esq. by deed dated September 20, in the 14th of *Elizabeth*, sold it to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, lord keeper, and *Nicholas* his son and heir apparent; in this family it remained till Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. sold it to *Edmund Britiff*, Esq. who was lord and patron in 1742, by whose daughter and heir it came to the Earl of *Buckingham*.

The tenths of this town, with that of *Hunsworth*, were 4l. 12s.—Deducted 1l.

The temporalities of *Horsfield St. Faith's* 4s.;—of the hospital of *Choseley*, 7d.

The CHURCH of *Stodey* is a rectory dedicated to *St. Mary*; the old valor was 7 marks, and *Peter-pence* 7d.—present valor 6l. 3s. 4d.

## RECTORS.

*Peter le Povere*, rector in the 51st of *Henry III.*

1316, *John le Povere* instituted, presented by *Peter le Povere* of *Laringsete*.

1344, *Walter de Somerton*, by *Roger de Soterley*.

1344, *John de West Somerton*, by *John de Stodey*, citizen of *London*.

1349, Mr. *Dennis Eggefild*. Ditto.

1359, *John Contell*. Ditto.

1373, *John de Ely*. Ditto.

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Hurning, Norw. fol. 64.

\* *Robert Braunch*, Esq. his will dated

- 1374, *James de Ely*, by *John de Stodey*, &c.  
 1381, *Michael Ruddock*, by *John de Blakency*.  
 1393, *William Catworth*. Ditto.  
 1403, *William Wright*, by *John Clere*.  
 1422, *John Frowyk*, by *Sim. Felbrigg*.  
 1430, *Richard Banham*, by *John Braunche*, Esq.  
 1440, *Adam Suyliard* by *Ralph Lampet*, Esq. of *Yarmouth*, and *Margaret* his wife.  
 1446, *William Crowe*. Ditto.  
 1471, *William Eston*, by *Robert Braunche*, Esq.  
 1484, *Mr. John Skarlet*. Ditto.  
     *William Austin*, rector.  
 1507, *John Webster*, by *John Heydon*, Esq.  
 1524, *William Brown*, by the assignees of *John Braunche*.  
 1551, *William Heyton*, by *John Bosum*, Esq.  
 1568, *William Hatton*, by *Robert Bozum*, Esq.  
 1578, *Mart. Claxtone*, by *Robert Bozum*, Esq. and *Robert Wegmore*, Gent.  
 1585, *Thomas Banks*, by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*.  
 1593, *William Armstead*. Ditto.  
 1610, *Christopher Pearte*, by *Sir Nicholas Bacon*.  
 1613, *William Armstead*. Ditto.  
 1654, *John Pyle*, by *Sir Edmund Bacon*.  
 1709, *Jos. Furse*, by *Mary Piggot*, widow.  
 1733, *Ben. Harvey*, by *Robert Brightiff*, Esq.  
 1761, *John Green*, by the Earl of *Buckingham*.  
 Here were the guilds of *St. Mary* and *St. Laurence*.  
 On a gravestone in the chancel were the arms of *Braunche*, impaling *Calthorpe*,

*In memory of Edmund Braunch, and Anne Calthorpe.*

In the windows, *Braunche*, impaling *Winter*, checque, or and sable, a fess, argent.—*Bozoun* impaling *Carville*.—*Bozoun*, impaling *L'Es-trange*, argent, on a cross engrailed, gules, between three escallops, sable, five bezants, impaling *Winter*—gules, a cross moline, argent, bore by the Lord *Willoughby*.

## SWANTON NOWERS.

THIS lordship was held at the survey by *William Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, in right of his see, and by *Ailmare* Bishop of *Elmham*, in King *Edward's* reign, for two carucates of land, and appertained to *Hilderston*; 8 borderers belonged to it, 2 carucates in demean, and 3 among the tenants, at that time, at the survey one, but two more might be restored: paunage for 100 swine, &c. 200 sheep, valued at

the survey at 8*l.* before at 6*l.* was half a leuca long, and the same in breadth, and paid 3*d.* gelt.<sup>3</sup>

The family of *De Nuirs*, or *Nowers* were very early enfeoffed of it, and possessed it under the Bishops of *Norwich*.

*Ralph de Nuirs* was witness to a deed of confirmation of lands in *Dilham*, and *Pangeford* in *Norfolk*, to the church of *Norwich*, by *Robert Fitz Ralph*,<sup>4</sup> son of *Ribald*, in the reign of *Henry II.* and in the time of *William Turbe* Bishop of *Norwich*, and probably was the same *Ralph* who held at that time of *William de Abrincis*, in *Kent*, one fee of the old feoffment.

In the 10th of *Richard I.* *Milo de Nuirs* conveyed by fine to *Roger de Kerdeston*, the 3*d* part of the common pasture of this town, and the 3*d* part of the services and profits thereof; with several hens, eggs, &c. with a foal every 3*d* year, &c.; and in the 9th of King *John*, *Roger* brought his action against *Milo*, for not fulfilling his grant.

*Simon de Nodarijs* or *Nowers*, was living in the 35th of *Henry III.* and in the 45th was found to hold of *William de Calthorp*, and *Cecilia* his wife, half a fee, they of the Lord *Bardolf*, and the lord of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

*William de Kerdeston* then held also by the said tenure, the 3*d* part of a fee, and *Simon* had the assise of bread, &c. *ao.* 15 *Edward I.*

By the roll of the honour of *Wrongey*, we find that *Robert de Noers* held here (then called *Hungry-Swanton*) a manor and the advowson of the church, and presented to it in 1327, being then a knight, as *Alice* his lady did in 1334; and in the 20th of *Edward III.* she was found to hold half a fee, which *Simon de Noers* formerly held, and *William de Kerdeston* the 3*d* part of a fee of the said *Alice*; also *Margaret de Saxlingham* had a part of a fee of the said *Alice*, which *John de Saxlingham* formerly held.

*John de Nowers*, son of Sir *Robert* and *Alice*, presented in 1353 and 1361; and in 1383, 1389, Sir *Stephen Hales*, whose widow, *Joan*, held in the 3*d* of *Henry IV.* half a fee of the Bishop of *Norwich*.

About this time, the prior of *Walsingham* obtained a patent or license of mortmain for it,<sup>5</sup> with 50 acres of land, at *Altoft* in *Bruningham*, valued at 8*l.* *per ann.* and was to do homage for it to Sir *William Calthorp*, and to pay by composition, for relief, 50*s.*<sup>6</sup>

The prior presented to the church in 1417, and was found to hold one fee of the Bishop, paying 3*s.* 6*d.* every 30 weeks, as castle-guard to *Norwich*.

This is to be understood in right of his manor of *Nowers*, the other fee or part still remaining in the *Kerdestons*.

In the 20th of *Henry VI.* *William de la Pole* Earl of *Suffolk*, and *Alice* his wife, released to Sir *Thomas Kerdeston* all their right in this part or fee, which formerly belonged to Sir *William Kerdeston*, son and heir of Sir *Roger*; and in the 24th of that King, it was settled

<sup>3</sup> Terra Will. Epi. Tedfordens. ad episcopatu' p'tinens T. R. E. — Suane-tunam tenuit A. T. R. E. p. ii car. tre. et jacet ad Hidolifestuna' sep. viii bor. et ii car. in d'no. tc. iii car. hom. mo. i et ii posset. restaurarj, silv. c. por. tc. xiii por. mo. cc. ov'. tc. val. vi lib. mo.

viii et bt. dim. leug. in long'. et dim. in lat. et iii d. de g'.

<sup>4</sup> Reg. Sacrist Eccles. Norw. fol. 106. — Lib. Nig. Sc'cij p. Tho. Hearne.

<sup>5</sup> Sir Thomas Erpingham had license to sell it *ao* 7 *Henry IV.* to *Walsingham* Priory.

<sup>6</sup> Regist *Walsingh.* fol. 132.



by fine on Sir Thomas Kerdeston and Philippa his wife, in tail; remainder to William de la Pole Marquis and Earl of Suffolk, and Alice his wife, in tail.

Of the Kerdestons, &c. see in *Sedestern*.

On the Dissolution, the manor of *Swanton Nowers* was granted, December 2, in the 31st of Henry VIII. to Sir Richard Southwell, with messuages, lands, tenements, &c. in *Bruningham, Briston, Edgfield, Sharnington, Gunthorpe, and Berney*, and the manors of *East Walton, Wendling, Wood Norton, and Kerdeston*; and the said Sir Richard, in the 34th of that King, regranted it to him, on an exchange, or for other lands, when the King granted it, December 11, in the said year, to the dean and chapter of Christ-church in Oxford, the present lords and patrons.

The tenths were 1*l.* 12*s.* Deducted 2*s.*

The Church is a rectory, dedicated to St. Edmund the King and Martyr, and was valued at 5 marks. Peter-pence, 4*d.* ob.

Present valor 4*l.* 15*s.* 2*d.* ob.

## RECTORS.

1327, *William Davy* instituted, presented by Sir Robert de Noers.

1334, *Robert de Shodecamps*, by Lady Alice Nowers.

1358, *Peter Dyke*, by John Nowers.

1383, *John Poyt*, by Sir Stephen Hales.

1389, *John Godwyn*. Ditto.

1416, *William Gurland*, occurs rector.

1417, *William Elsham*, presented by the prior, &c. of *Walsingham*.

1426, *Thomas Crakesheld*. Ditto.

1438, *Robert Salle*. Ditto.

1447, *John Legate*. Ditto.

1448, *Thomas Ward*. Ditto.

1457, *William Staines*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1461, *Mr. Peter Burgh*. Ditto.

1467, *Robert Geeding*. Ditto.

1504, *Richard Sharp*. Ditto.

1515, *Richard Fowler*. Ditto.

1592, *Roger Etward*. Ditto.

1558, *Roger Willyms*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1580, *Simon Peacock*, by the Masters and Fellows of Christ church.

1611, *Christopher Tracy*, by the assignees of the Master and Fellows, &c.

1615, *William Naylor*, by James Hawe, Gent.

1647, *Robert Pricket*, by the Bishop.

1663, *Thomas Picard*, by the dean and chapter of Christ church.

1686, *John Ficher or Fletcher*. Ditto.

1691, *William Taswell*, S.T.B. Ditto.

1698, *Edmund Stillingflete*, M.D. Ditto.

1708, *William Hodgson*. Ditto.

1736, *George Watson*. Ditto.

## THOR N A G E.

**W**ILLIAM BEAUFOR was lord at the survey, and held it in right of his church or see, then at *Thetford*; and *Aylmare*, Bishop of *Elmham* possessed it, by the same right in King *Edward's* reign, as a manor, with 8 carucates of land, 40 borderers, and 8 servi belonged to it, with 8 carucates in demean, and 10 among the tenants, paunage for 50 swine, 9 acres of meadow 8 mills, 4 runci, or beasts of carriage, &c. and 100 sheep.

*Brunton, Sarlingham, Beckham*, were beruites belonging to it, and valued with it.

There were 16 socmen with 36 acres and 4 carucates; the whole was valued in King *Edward's* time at 13*l.* at the survey at 30*l.* per ann. was one leuca long and 4 furlongs broad, and paid 12*d.* gelt; and there was a church endowed with 82 acres, valued at 32*d.*

In the 35th of *Henry III.* *Walter* Bishop of *Norwich*, lord of it, had a charter of free warren; and in the 15th of *Edward I.* the Bishop claimed view of frank pledge, assise of bread and beer, wayf, &c. and a gallows in *Thorndych*.

It remained in the see till the exchange of land made in the 27th *Henry VIII.* between the King and the Bishop of *Norwich*, and was granted July 1, by that King, in his 28th year, with the advowson, to Sir *William Butts*, M.D. the King's chief physician, in which family it continued, till *Anne*, only daughter and heir of *Edmund Butts*, Esq. and *Anne*, his wife brought it by marriage to Sir *Nicholas Bacon*, Bart. son and heir of Sir *Nicholas*, lord keeper of the great seal, and so remained in that family, till sold by Sir *Edmund Bacon*, Bart. to Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. of *Melton*, about 1710, whose grandson, Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart. died lord and patron.

Tenths, 2*l.* 6*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

The CHURCH is a rectory. The old valor was 10 marks. *Peterpence*, 5*d.* The prior of *Norwich* had a portion of tithe valued at 5 marks. The present valor is 6*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.*

### RECTORS.

In 1258, Mr. *Simon de Letheringset* occurs rector.

1305, *Richard de Suctone* instituted, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1307, Mr. *Nicholas de Rudham*. Ditto.

1315, Mr. *Nicholas de Rudham*. Ditto.

Mr. *Warine de Fuldene*, rector.

1319, Mr. *Nicholas de Rudham*. Ditto.

1349, *Robert de Walton*. Ditto.

1367, *William Hurtand*. Ditto.

1358, *John Wynter*.

1960, *Nicholas Crouch*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich*.  
*Thomas Tymworth*.

1619, *Augustine Underwood*, rector, compounded *May 5*.  
*Christopher Birlingham*, rector, about 1620.  
*Francis Fesquet* died rector 1734.

1734, *Nathaniel Shorting* succeeded, presented by *William Brerton*, Gent.

1759, *John Astley*, presented by Sir *Jacob Astley*, Bart.

*Thomas le Freeman* aliened an acre with a messuage in *Brunton*, and a messuage with 38 acres of land and 5 of pasture in this town, to the parson of *Brunton*, in the 6th of *Edward II*.

On the north side of the chancel is a tomb,

*In memory of Anne, daughter of George Waldgrave, Esq; of Smalbridge in Suffolk. who married first, Henry Buers, Esq; of Acton in Suffolk, Esq; and 2dly Sir Clement Heigham, who died April 21, 1559, etat. sue, Lxxxiii.*

By the tomb it appears that she had three sons and 5 daughters.

On it are the arms of *Buers*, *ermin*, on a chief indented, *sable*, 2 lions rampant, or impaling *Waldgrae* and *Heigham*, *sable*, a fess, checque, or and *azure*, between three horses heads erased, *argent*, impaling *Waldgrave*.

On the south side a tomb for Sir *William Butts*, with his effigies in armour, kneeling, his helmet at his feet, and his lady by him on her knees, with their arms, *Butts* impaling *Buers*.

In the steeple window, *azure*, a lion rampant, billetty, *sable*, and a chief, or, impaling *argent*, six columbines, *azure*, on a chief, *sable*, three castles, or.

## WAYBORN.

**H**UGH DE ABRINCIS, a Norman lord, the Conqueror's sister's son, created Earl of *Chester* by him, had a grant of this lordship, which was held by *Hacon*, son of *Swan* eldest son of Earl *Godwin*, and elder brother of King *Harold*, and *Ralph* was enfeoffed of it under Earl *Hugh*, consisting of 2 carucates of land, 9 villans, 30 borderers, 5 servi, and 2 carucates in demean, and 4 among the tenants, paunage for 10 swine, three acres of meadow, 2 mills, and 8 cows in King *Edward's* reign, with 60 sheep, 47 goats, and valued at 4*l*. but at the survey at 7*l*. was one leuca long and 3 furlongs, and one leuca broad, and paid 18*d*. gelt.<sup>7</sup>

<sup>7</sup> Terre Hugonis Comitiss—In Wabruna ten. Hagan. T. R. E. mo. tenet Ranulf. ii car. t're. semp. ix vill. et xxx bord. et v ser. sep. in d'nio. ii car. et ho'um iiii silva ad x por. iii ac. p'ti.

ii mol tnc. viii a.n. mo. x tnc. xxvi por. mo. xxviii tnc. lx ov. mo. xlviii tnc. xlvii cap. mo. xxxvi tnc. val. iiii lib. mo vii et ht. i leug. et iiii quar. in long. et i leug. in lat. et xviid. in gelt.

It seems to take its name from *Wa*, and *Bruna*; *Wy* or *Wa*, is an old British name, often used for a river or brook.

*Ralph*, who was enfeoffed of this lordship by Earl *Hugh*, held also several lordships under him in *Cheshire*, viz. *Tadetune*, *Warmincham*, *Blachehall*, *Pevre*, *Warford*, *Tatun*, *Cocheshale*, *Rode*, *Northerden*, *Ashton*, &c. and was father of *Roger*, who bore the name of *Meyngaryn*, *Meinil-Waring*, or *Manwaring*, (as his father Sir *Ralph* did,) and was father of *Ralph*, who lived in the reign of King *Henry II.* whose son *Roger* had *Ralph* his son, who was chief justice of *Cheshire* in the reign of King *John*, lord of this town, and founder (as I take it) of the priory of *Waborn*, and by *Amicia* his wife, a natural daughter of *Hugh Kivileoc* Earl of *Chester*; this Sir *Ralph* had a son, *William*, as appears from the register of *Bynham* priory, and was living in the 21st of *Henry III.*

In the first of *Richard I.* the sheriff of *Norfolk* accounted for 50s. scutage of *Ralph Meynelwaryn*.

In the 28th of *Henry III.* the King sent his writ to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to enquire what fees were held in this county of the honour of *Chester*, by *Thomas de Meyngaryn*, were assigned to *William de Fortibus* Earl of *Albemarle*, and *Christiana* his wife, for part of her inheritance;<sup>a</sup> and, in the 32d of the said King, *Emma*, late wife of *Will. de Maynewaryn*, who died in the said year, recovered her dower in lands at *East Herling*, against *Roger* her son, who held jointly with *William* his brother.

This *Emma*, was daughter of *Gilbert de Norfolk*; and in the 41st of the said King, *Thomas de Meyngaryn* was found to hold 3 fees of the honour of *Chester*, in *Waborne*, &c.

*Ralph de Meyngaryn* had 2 parts of a fee, and *Thomas de Waborne* a 3d part in this town.

In the 46th of *Henry III.* *Waryn de Menwaryn* held the manor of *Waborne* by the service of one fee, had view of frank pledge, wreck at sea, free warren, the trial and judgment of thieves taken, and their goods, in his fee, and all privileges as a member of the honour of *Chester*, and died seised of it in the 18th of *Edward I.* leaving by *Agnes* his wife, three daughters and coheirs; *Joan*, *Margaret*, and *Maud*, the lordship then valued with three water mills, &c. at 19l. per ann.

The *Meynwaryns* bore sometimes *argent*, six barrulets, *gules*, also two bars.

After this, the family of the *Trussels* of *Coblesden* in *Staffordshire* held it by the marriage of *Maud*, a daughter and coheir of Sir *Warine de Meynwaryn*, with *William Trussell*, son of Sir *William*, about the 30th of *Edward I.* by whom he had three sons; Sir *John Trussell*, the eldest, who died s. p., *William*, and *Warine*.

*Maud* was his widow in the 9th of *Edward II.* and then lady of this manor; and in the 12th of that King, was the wife of *Oliver de Burdeaux*, who with *Maud* his wife, in the 14th of the said reign, had a grant of a mercate and a fair in this town; in the 19th of King *Edward II.* she settled lands and tenements in *Eton* in *Bucks*, and *New-Windsor* in *Berkshire*, on *Oliver* and herself in fee tail; remainder

<sup>a</sup> Rôt. Claus,

to *William* her son, and the heirs of his body; remainder to *Warine* her son in like manner.

*William Trussell*, 2d son of *Sir William* and *Maud* his wife, wrote himself of *Merstoun* in *Northamptonshire*; and in the 18th of *Edward II.* settled that manor, and that of *Hales*, under *Longwyrd* in *Shropshire* and *Staffordshire*, on himself and *Isabel* his wife, and his heirs, by fine, *Laurence Trussell* being his trustee.

In the 5th of *Edward III.* *John Trussell*, the eldest son, was lord of *Coblesden*, and with *Alianore* his wife, levied a fine of it, and settled on *William* his son, in tail, the lordships of *Merstoun* and *Langport* in *Northamptonshire*, with their advowsons; and in the 16th of that King, being then a knight, he settled the manor of *Thorp Malesore* in *Northamptonshire*, on himself for life, and in the 20th of that King on *Robert Trussell* his son, by *Petronilla* his 2d wife.

In the 20th of *Edward III.* *Oliver de Burdeaux* was found to hold the lordship of *Waborne*.

In the 22d of the aforesaid King, *Sir William Trussell* of *Coblesden*, son of *Sir John*, was lord of *Coblesden*, and *Ida* was his wife; he was lord also of *Baddenhasel* in *Northamptonshire*.

This *Sir William* founded the college and chantry of *Shottesbrook* in *Berkshire*, in 1337, and dying in or about the year 1363, was buried in the church of *Shotesbrook* with his lady,<sup>9</sup> who was daughter of *Sir William Butler* lord of *Wmeme*, leaving a son, *John*, who died *sine prole*, and *Margaret*, a daughter and heir, wife of *Sir Fulk Penbrug*, Knt. buried also in the said church in 1401.

The said *Sir Fulk* being lord of *Shotesbrook*, held by the service of a pair of gilt spurs to the castle *Windsor*, yearly, also to the manor of *Eton-Hastings*, with the third part of the manor of *Kempston*, called *Brusbury*, in her right: she seems to have married a 2d husband. In the 10th of *Richard II.* *Margaret Trussell* was found to hold, for life the manor of *Canfield Parva* in *Essex*, after the death of *Gilbert Barentyn*, her late husband.

On the death of *Margaret* aforesaid, the manor of *Shotesbrook*, and that of *Waborne*, (as I take it,) came to *William Trussell*, son of *Sir Laurence Trussell*, son of *Warine*, brother of *Sir William*, father of *Margaret*. This *Sir Laurence* married *Maud*, daughter and heir of *Sir William Charnell* of *Elmesthorp* in *Leicestershire*, and lord of that town in right of his lady, and bore, as *Burton* observes,<sup>1</sup> *argent*, fretty *gules*, on each joint a bezant or, and not a cross, as *Mr. Hearne* has mentioned.

This *Laurence* was lord also of *Cobleston*, and living in the 6th of *Richard II.*; by this lady he had *William Trussell*, his son and heir, lord of this town, *Shotesbrook*, *Elmesthorp*, &c. living in the 32d of *Henry VI.* and father of *Sir Thomas Trussell* by *Margery*, daughter of *Sir John Ludlow*, who was lord of *Waborne* in the 5th of King *Edward IV.*

*Sir Thomas* left by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *John de Burley*, *Sir William Trussell* who died lord in the 20th of *Edward IV.* father, by *Margaret* his wife, daughter of — *Kene*, of *Sir Edward Trussell* the last heir male of this family who married *Margaret*, daughter

<sup>9</sup> Leland's Itin. vol. v. p. 121.

<sup>1</sup> Hist. of Leicestershire, p. 99.

of Sir *John Dun*, Knt. and had by her *Elizabeth*, his sole daughter and heir, dying, as appears by the eschaet rolls, in the 15th of *Henry VII.*

*George Grey* Earl of *Kent* gave 400 marks for the wardship and lands of this *Elizabeth*, a minor; and by his will appointed that she should be married to his son, Sir *Henry Grey* of *Wrest* in *Bedfordshire*, a younger son, by his second wife, the lady *Catherine*, daughter of the Earl of *Pembroke*, at their lawful years of marriage; leaving her with the said lady, before his death, for that purpose; but after his death, *Richard* Earl of *Kent*, his eldest son, by the Lady *Anne*, his first wife, took away the said *Elizabeth* by force from the Countess *Catherine*, his mother-in-law, at *Harold* in *Bedfordshire*, which she held in jointure, and gave her again freely to King *Henry VII.* her lands being worth 1000 marks per ann. and the King sold her wardship again for 2000 marks to *John de Vere* Earl of *Oxford*, who married her, and was lord of *Woborne*, &c. in her right.

In the 22d of *Henry VII.* inquisitions were awarded into *Norfolk*, *Suffolk*, *Leicestershire*, *Northamptonshire*, *Shropshire*, *Essex*, and *Cheshire*, to enquire what lands came to the King's hands on the deaths of Sir *William Trussell*, Sir *Edward Trussell*, his son and heir, and *John Trussell*, Esq. his son and heir, and remained in his hands on account of the minority of the said *John Trussell*, Esq. (who died in the said year) and some accounts say that on April 29, in that year, the King granted the custody and marriage of *Elizabeth Trussell*, to *John* Earl of *Oxford*, on the condition of paying 387l. per ann. to the Crown during her minority: on the death of this Earl, in the 31st of *Henry VIII.* this lordship was valued at 27l. 18s. per ann.

In this family it continued till the 16th of *Elizabeth*, when a recovery of it was suffered by *Edward* Earl of *Oxford*, to *John* Lord *Darcy*, &c.

After this it was possessed by Sir *Edward Clere*, Knt. of *Blickling*, who was lord in the 22d of the said Queen, and sold by him to Sir *Henry Hobart*, Attorney General, whose son and heir, Sir *John Hobart*, Bart. settled it, November 1, in the 18th of King *Charles I.* on *Philippa* his daughter and coheir, afterwards married to his nephew, Sir *Henry Hobart*, Bart.

Besides this principal manor, *Hugh* Earl of *Chester* had invaded or seized on the properties of 12 freemen who held under King *Harold*, in this town, *Kelling*, *Salthouse*, and *Botham*, 3 carucates, &c. of land, &c. with 25 borderers holding 7 carucates, &c. as may be seen at large in *Kelling*, and was held of *Hugh*, by the aforesaid *Ralph*, at the survey.

Sir *Thomas de Waborne* lived in the time of King *John*, and had a lordship, in this town, in the 21st of *Henry III.* *William de Waborne*, son of Sir *Thomas*, by *Albreda* his wife, leased to the prior of *Bynham* all his lands, except what *Richard de Grey* held of his stepmother, the Lady *Agnes*, for 30 years, and gave lands to the said priory.<sup>a</sup> *Thomas*, son of *William de Waborne*, held, in the 34th of *Henry III.* a whole fee (and was not a knight) the third part of this town, and had the same privileges as *Ralph de Meynggaryn*. In the 52d of that King, he was sued for *pourpresture*, the building a house on the public way, and the house was awarded to be pulled down.

<sup>a</sup> *Neustria pia*, p. 75.

In the said reign *Luke de Bruningham* held here and in *Kelling*, the sixth part of a fee of the heirs of *Meyngaryn*, and in the 9th of *Edward I.* *John de Bruningham* settled on *Alice*, wife of *John de Waburne*, lands by fine; and *William de Waburne* was found to hold a lordship in the 9th of *Edward II.* and a fine was levied in the 12th of that King between *Alice*, widow of *Thomas de Waborn*, and *Agnes*, widow of *George*, son of *Thomas de Waborn*, of lands settled on *Agnes* for life, remainder to *Alice*.

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* Sir *William Clopton*, Knt. was found to hold half a fee of the honour of *Chester* in this town: he married *Frances*, daughter of Sir *William Trussell*, widow of Sir *Robert de Salle*.

The CHURCH of *Wayborne* is dedicated to *All-Saints*, and was appropriated to the priory of *Wayborn*, valued at 30 marks; the prior of *Westacre* had a portion of tithe valued at 8s.

The abbey of St. *Severus* in *Normandy*, founded, as is said, by *Hugh Earl of Chester*, a portion of 2 marks.—*Peter-pence* 18d.

At the Dissolution this rectory was granted with the priory to *John Heydon*, Esq. and is an impropriation served by a stipendiary curate.

The priory in this town was for canons of the order of St. *Austin*, dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and *All-Saints*: Sir *Ralph Meynelwaryn* of *Cheshire* is said to have founded it in the reign of *Henry II.* but it is more probable that Sir *Ralph Meynelwaryn*, who lived in the reign of King *John*, was the founder; this Sir *Ralph* was justice of *Chester*, and lord of this town, and married *Amicia*, a natural daughter of *Hugh Cyvelioc Earl of Chester*,<sup>3</sup> who gave two knights fees with her in frank marriage; but it is more probable that she was a legitimate daughter.

It was at first subordinate to *Westacre* priory.

In the 12th year of King *Henry III.* a fine was levied between *Rodland*, prior of *Weyborne*, petent, *William de Manywaryn*, tenant of 30s. rent at *Kessingland* in *Suffolk*, which the prior claimed to be given him by the said *William*, and which he then granted to the prior to be held of *Roger de Meynewaryn*, *Will.* and *Alice* being to hold it for their lives; which concord is said to be made before *Herbert de Alencon*, then sheriff of *Suffolk*.

### PRIORS.

*Roger de Hozne* occurs prior in 1309: on his death a contest arose about the election of a prior, between *Henry*, the subprior, and canons of this house, and *Henry* the prior, and convent of *Westacre*, the subprior, &c. claiming the right of choosing a prior out of their body, or canons, and the prior, &c. of *Westacre* maintaining that the election should be of one of the canons of that house, after consent and license of election was granted them by the prior of *Westacre*, as had been time immemorial.<sup>4</sup>

This being put to arbitration, it was agreed that the right of choosing a prior should be in the priory of *Waburne*, out of their own canons or otherwise, as they thought proper, for ever; and it is ordered that an

<sup>3</sup> See Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 418.    <sup>4</sup> Inter Archiv. Dec. et Capit. Norw.

annual pension of 7s. 6d. be paid to the prior, &c. of *Westacre*, for ever: this agreement is dated *Jan. 2, 1314*, and was confirmed by the Bishop of *Norwich*, 7 ides of *Jan.* and after by the prior and convent.

On this agreement *John de Frenes* was elected prior and confirmed by the Bishop on the 7 of the ides aforesaid, 1314.

*December 1, 1334, Roger de Geistweyt* admitted prior.

*October 14, 1391, John de Elingham.*

In the 3d year of *Henry IV.* the prior was found to hold the 9th part of a fee, of the Lady *Roos*, and she of the Earl of *Albemarle*, and he of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

*September 21, 1422, John de Laxfield* admitted prior.

*Andrew Burgate* was his successor.

In 1428, the spiritualities of this priory in *Norfolk* were valued at 26*l.* 4*s.* 8*d.* and their temporalities at 15*l.* 10*s.* 1*d.* ob. their temporalities in this town being included, which were 3*l.* 2*s.* 4*d.*

*Walter Merlow* admitted prior, *July 5, 1438.*

*Robert Aubrew* admitted *February 6, 1444.*<sup>s</sup>

*Henry Antingham* admitted *April 9, 1464.*

*Henry Clement* *December 16, 1466.*

In the 19th of *Edward IV.* *Henry*, the prior of *Waborne*, and the convent of the same, by deed under their common seal, released to *Henry Heydon*, Esq. *John Wotton*, *Thomas Cosyn*, clerk, and *Edward Calwe*, all their right in eleven acres of land in *Kelling*, and in several lands and tenements in *Heydon*, *Oulton*, and *Corpusty* for ever: the seal is oval, of red wax, with the image of a saint, (probably the Virgin *Mary*) in the left hand a flower de lis, or lily rather.

*Clement Styberd* admitted prior *July 3, 1482*, and occurs prior 1494.

*John Frost* admitted *June 15, 1526.*

*Thomas Bulman*, *July 16, 1530*: he was the last prior, presented 1543, to the rectory of *Eggemere* in *Norfolk*, by *Geo. Townsend*, by a grant of the late suppressed priory of *Walsingham*, and had a patent for a pension *February 18, A°. 28 of Henry VIII.* of 4*l.* per ann.

In 1553, there remained in charge, a cordoy of 4*l.* per ann. to *Elizabeth Bulman*; 4*l.* per ann. to *Tho. Bullman*, the late prior; and 3*l.* alias 40*s.* per ann. to *Thomas Froste*, a canon, as pensions.

In the 12th of *Edward III.* a patent was granted them for the church of *Colkirk*, and in his 20th year for the church of *East Beckham*.

At its dissolution it was valued, as *Dugdale*, at 24*l.* 19*s.* 6*d.* per ann. as *Speed* at 28*l.* 7*s.* 2*d.*

On *June 20, A°. 27 of Henry VIII.* *Richard Heydon* had a grant of the site of this priory, with the rectory, a manor and wood here, with the rectory and advowson of *East Beckham*, all the messuages and lands belonging to this priory, in *Waborne*, *East Beckham*, *Kelling*, *Sherington*, *Bodham*, *Salthouse* and *Glamford*, and *Sir Christopher Heydon* died seized of it in 1579: *Sir William*, his son and heir, sold it to the *Kingsmills*, *Sir George Kingsmill* conveyed it, *January 26, in the 2d of King James I.* to *Sir Henry Montague*.

*Edward Lord Zouch*, and *Sarah* his wife, aliened it *December 1, in the 18th of the said King*, to *William Goldingham*, Esq. and *Charles Hutton*, Gent.

<sup>s</sup> Robert Awbrey, instituted rector of *Killing*, in 1464, was this prior; he died rector in or about 1483.



Sir *Setephen Fox* is said to have possessed it about 1690, but in 1700 the Lord *Cornwallis*, in which family it remains.

At a place here called *Wayborne Hope* was a fortification; the shore is stony, and the sea so deep, that ships may ride here, and lie against it: the *Danes* are said to have landed here on their invasions.

Fullers earth is said to have been found here.<sup>6</sup>

## WIVETON, OR WIFTON.

**R**AINALD, son of *Ivo*, had a grant of this lordship at the Conquest, out of which, *Turchetel* was expelled, containing 2 carucates of land, and *Rainald*, or *Randal* was enfeoffed of it by his lord *Rainald*; 7 villains and 27 borderers belonged to it, 2 carucates in demean, and 5 among the tenants, with 4 acres of meadow, one mill, and the moiety of another, &c. it was valued before the survey at 40s. but then at 6*l.* per ann. was one leuca long and broad, and paid 17*d.*  $\frac{1}{2}$  gelt.<sup>7</sup>

### STAFFORD'S MANOR.

This was the capital manor, and soon after the survey came to the *Giffards* Earls of *Bucks*, and from them by marriage to the Earls of *Clare* and *Gloucester*.

*Richerus de Docking* was found to hold one fee and an half when the aid was granted in the 18th of *Henry III.* on the marriage of the King's sister to the Emperor, and by a fine levied in the 25th of that King, *Thomas Fitz Robert*, and *Joan* his wife released to *Alvered le Chamberlain* and *Emme* his wife, and the heirs of *Emme*, their right in the advowson of the church of *Wiveton*, and *Emme* granted to *Thomas Fitz Robert* and *Joan* 10s. per ann. payable out of their mill called *Widhees Milne*.

*Richard de Clare* Earl of *Gloucester* and *Hertford*, was capital lord in 1260, and *Thomas Fitz Robert* and *Joan* his wife in the 53d of the aforesaid reign, granted by fine to *Roger de Pridington* and *Asceline* his wife, in tail, 20s. rent, here and in *Glanford*.

In the 15th of *Edward I.* the Earl of *Gloucester* claimed frank pledge, the assise of bread, &c. and free warren; and in 1299, Sir *Gregory de Splading* presented to this church as lord: and in 1309, the Lady *Maud de Brunne* presented: *William de Brunne* held here and in *Snitterley*, *Cley*, *Glanford*, *Stoeky*, &c. two fees of the Earl of

<sup>6</sup> Yarrington's Improvements of England, p. 110.

<sup>7</sup> Terra Rainaldj filij Ivonis—In Wivetuna, ten. Turchetel, T. R. E. ii car. tre. mo. idem, semp. vii vill. et xxvii bor. sep. in d'nio. ii car. tc. ho'um v

car. mo. iii et d'. iiii ac. p'ti. i mol. et d'. mo. iii an. tc. xv por. mo. xxviii tc. cvii ov. mo. Lxxx tc et p'. x*l* sol. mo. v lib. et ht. in long. i leug. et in lat. et xvii d'. et obolu'. in gelto.

*Gloucester*, &c. &c.; the said *William* and *Elen* his wife, were living in the 17th of *Edward II.* and in 1328, *William de Brunne* presented to this rectory.

*Joan de Brunne* held in the 20th of *Edward III.* three quarters of a fee of *Hugh Audley*, Earl of *Gloucester*,\* which *Greg. de Spalding*, formerly held: after this *Ralph*, Earl of *Stafford* was capital lord: and *John Honyng* presented in 1375, and 1390, and *Thomas Moryn* of *Langley* in 1391, and 1392; and in 1417, *Thomas Caven*, and *Robert Lyng*, though *William Brigg* was returned to be lord in 1401, and *Catharine* his widow presented in 1426, and 1427; *Joan Briggs*, widow, in 1475.

The *Staffords* were the capital lords till, on the death of *Edward Stafford*, Duke of *Buckingham*, beheaded for high treason in 1521, it came to the Crown, and on *July 12*, in the 14th of *Henry VIII.* that King granted it to *Thomas Howard*, Duke of *Norfolk*, and to his son and heir, *Thomas* Earl of *Surry*, and his heirs: the bailiff of the said Duke, in the 24th of that King, accounted for 48s. 4d. rent of assize; rent of moveables, capons, &c. 19d. farm of the demean lands 5l. 14s. 5d. ob. perquisites of court 14s. 11d. The tenants farm in *Cley* belonging to this manor, and commoning in the lord's marsh, between *Wiveton* and *Cley* 16d. at one penny for four sheep; and rent paid to the King 8l.

In the 35th of *Henry VIII.* *Thomas Briggs* died possessed of it, and of the manor of *Clockwood* in *Cley*, held of the King as of the honour of *Clare*, and *Edward* was found his son and heir, who presented in 1554, and 1558, and in 1591, *George Briggs*, Gent. presented; and in the 2d of *James I.* *Anne Briggs* had a *præcipe* to deliver it with *Clockwood* manor, to *John Anguish*.

In the 5th of King *Charles I.* *James Calthorp*, Esq. son of *Christopher*, had livery of it, who sold it to his uncle, Sir *Henry Calthorp*, who died seized of it in 1637, late *Stafford's* Duke of *Bucks*, who held in soccage of the manor of *East Greenwich*, and *James* was his son and heir, aged 11 years.

In 1717, *John Jermy*, and *Francis Windham*, Esq. presented, and in 1758, *Richard Ellis*, Esq.

*William* Earl *Warren* had also a lordship of which *Turgrim* was lord in King *Edward's* reign, and had 2 carucates of land, 2 villains, 22 borderers, and a socman with 12 acres of land, and 2 servi; there were 2 carucates in demean, and 2 among the tenants, with 2 acres of meadow, the moiety of a mill, &c. and of a socman with 2 acres, valued at 40s. in *Turgrim's* time, at the survey at 60s.<sup>9</sup>

Sir *Robert Aguilon*, and the prior of *Bynham* held in this town and *Salthous* the fourth part of a fee, when an aid was granted to King *Henry III.* on the marriage of his sister, to the Emperor of *Germany*. *Alice de Merley* impleaded in the 34th of that King *Peter de Merley* for a carucate of land in right of Sir *Robert Aguilon*, her late husband *Adam de Cockfeld*, *Ibert Pugeys* and *Joan* his wife, *Giles de*

\* Of this *Hugh*, the capital lord, and his successours, see in *Wells*, &c.

<sup>9</sup> Tre Will. de Warennæ—In *Wiveton*, ten Will. ii car. tre. quas tenuit *Turgrim*. T.R.E. p. man. scmp. ii vill.

et xxii bord. et i soc. de xii ac. tre. et ii ser. et ii car. in dominio, et hom. ii car. ii ac. p'ti dim. mol. tc. vi porc. mo. vi ac. lx ov's. mo. xxx et d. soc. de ii ac. tc. val. xl sol. mo. lx.

*Argenton* and *Margaret* his wife, *Luke de Poynings*, his son, and *Thomas de Poynings*, (who was under age and his body in the ward of his father, and his land in the ward of *John Earl Warren*, and of *Roger de Somery*), the heirs of *Sir Robert*, were to warrant it.

In the 15th of *Edward I.* *William de Grimesby* was lord, and claimed frank pledge, assise, &c. and in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Adam de Grimesby*, John, son of *Ralph de Glanford*, settled on *Adam*, son of *William de Grimesby* and *Agnes* his wife, in 1290, lands, and a mill, with a messuage in this town by fine.

In the 14th of *Edw. II.* *Sir Luke de Poynings* granted to *William*, son of *William de Grimesby* and *Rose* his wife, his manor of *Wiveton*, in this town, *Cley*, and *Sniterley*, to dispose of to whom he would, except to religious uses, to the chief lord of the fee, or to *Jews*; *Sir Nicholas Braunch* of *Somersetshire*, released also to *Adam de Grimesby* all his right in this manor; and *Adam* released to *John de Hales*, parson of *Bintre*, *Robert de Hales*, parson of *Merston*, and *Rich. Storme*, all his right in the 15th of *Edward III.* and *Robert de Hales* aforesaid granted the manor called *Braunch's* in *Wiveton* in the 23d of the said King, to *Roger* his brother, with the messuage of the said name, one windmill, 90 acres of land, 70 of heath, and 20s. rent in this town, *Cley*, *Salthouse*, and *Sniterle*; *Roger* confirmed it in the 35th of the said reign to *William Howell*, *John Goscelyn*, *Thomas Saxlingham*, with the liberty of a foldcourse, view of frank pledge, &c.; these were trustees in order to settle it on the priory of *Walsingham*, as it was soon after.

I find it sometime after valued at 4*l.* 13*s.* per ann. and the prior was obliged to do homage for it to the Earl of *Arundel*, and to pay 5*s.* relief in the 7th of *Henry IV.* in which year *Sir Thomas Erpingham* had license to sell it to the aforesaid priory.

On the dissolution of that priory it came to the Crown, and King *Edward VI.* on the 19th of *June*, in his 4th year, granted it to the Bishop of *Norwich* and his successors. The Bishop's bailiff accounted for 6*l.* 2*s.* 3*d.* rent of assise, 14*s.* 4*d.* for the demean lands, profits thereof for one year, from St. Michael A°. 3d and 4th of *Philip* and *Mary* to St. Michael A°. 4, and 5.

The tenths were 13*l.*—Deducted 6*l.*

Temporalities of *Norwich* priory 5*s.* 1*d.*

In the 17th of *Elizabeth* messuages, lands, and tenements, in the tenure of *Sir Christopher Heydon*, granted to *John Herbert* and *Andrew Palmer* in this town, *Cley*, *Blukeney*, lately belonging to *Edward Duke of Bucks*, attainted, dated September 22; and in the 2d of *James I.* lands, or a manor here late in the possession of *Sir Christopher*, granted July 17; to *Job Billet* and *William Blake*, of *London*, Gent. formerly *Edward Duke of Buckingham*.

The Church is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*; the ancient valor was 24 marks, and paid Peter-pence 5*d.*; the prior of *Castletre* had a portion valued at 16*s.* there was an agreement between that prior and Master *Bartholomew*, rector of this church, confirmed by *Walter Bishop of Norwich*, that whereas the prior had two parts of the tithe of the corn belonging to the demean lands of *Bernard of Wiveton*, and *Sniterle*, and of two parts of the corn of the demesons of *Sir Robert Aguillon* of the fee of *Braunch*, the said prior let to farm to the said

rector and his successours the said tithes for 20s. *per ann.* dated at Castleacre 18 kal. September 1248.<sup>1</sup>

The present valor is 15*l.*

## RECTORS.

*Bartholomew de Boneville* occurs rector in 1248, and 1258.

1299, *William de Spalding* instituted, presented by Sir Greg. de Spalding.

1309, *Geff. de Brunne*, by Lady *Maud de Brunne*.

1328, *Thomas de Brunne*, by *William de Brunne*.

1351, *Henry Palmer*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1375, *William de Woodnorton*, by *John Honyng*, &c.

1390, *John de Norwich*, a canon of *Langley*. Ditto.

1391, *Henry Sturdy*, by *Thomas Moryn*, &c.

1392, *William Clerk*, by *Thomas Moryn of Langley*, &c.

1417, *Thomas Lyng*, by *Thomas Caven*, and *Robert Lyng*.

1426, *Edward Hunt*, by *Catharine*, widow of *William Brigg*.

1427, *William Brigg*. Ditto.

1475, *William Bishop*, by *Joan Briggs*, widow.

1512, *Thomas Gresham*, A.M.

1550, *Thomas Briggs*, student of *Cambridge*, by *Edward Briggs*, Gent.

1554, *William Flatbury*. Ditto.

1555, Mr. *Thomas Dunning*. Ditto.

1557, *Richard Browne*. Ditto.

1558, *William Maddocks*. Ditto.

1591, *James Poynton*, S.T.B. by *George Briggs*, Gent.

In 1621, *Christopher Reeve*, rector, compounded for first fruits October 16.

*Robert Lowde*, rector, compounded April 10, 1640.

1717, *John Springold*, on *Christopher Seman's* death, by *John Jermy*, and *John Springold*, on the grant of *Francis Windham*, Esq.

1758, *Samuel Johnson*, by *Richard Ellis*, Esq.

In the chancel were the arms of *Bacon*, azure, three boars passant, argent, impaling sable, a bend, argent, *Antington*.

Argent, on a chevron engrailed, vert, between three griffins heads erased, gules, a bezant between two anchors, or.

On a stone,

*Orate pro a'i'a William Brigg, quo'da' rectoris istius eccle.*

Here was the chapel of our Lady in the churchyard.

*James Steele of Wiveton*, by his will dated in 1516, was buried in this church, and gave 5 marks to the repair of the church windows, 2s. to the repair of our Lady's chapel, and legacies to our Lady's and St. John's gild here, and to that of St. Ann's in the friars of *Blakeney*.

## LAUNDITCH HUNDRED

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**T**AKES its name from a *Long Ditch*<sup>a</sup> with a bank that divides (as it is said) the two parishes of *Longham*, and *Beeston*, and runs north and south; where at the crossing of it by the *Norwich* road, the hundred court was anciently kept; and was given by the Conqueror to *Alan* son of *Flaald*, ancestor to the barons of *Clun* in *Shropshire*, (and Earls of *Arundel* after,) and granted by the said *Alan* to *Siward*, with the hundred of *South Greenhow*, and (as some records say) confirmed by *William* (*Fitz Alan*), son of *Alan*, to *Durand*, son of *Ralph*, son of *Seward*, on his paying 6*l.* *per ann.* rent for the two hundreds, and 8*s.* *per ann.* for lands in *Wellingham*, *Sutton*, and *Bittering*.

*Alan*, son of *Flaald*, had also with this (by grant of the Conqueror) the great lordship of *Mileham*, of which *Stigand* Archbishop of *Canterbury* was lord before the Conquest, and probably of this hundred also.

*Robert de Ver*, constable to King *Henry II.* and *A.* his wife, daughter of *Hugh de Montfort*, had some interest in lands near to this ditch, and granted to the monks of *Castleacre* the wood, grove, and land of *Laundie*, viz. the third part of the grove, of which *William* (*de Pellita Villa*) *Pelleville*, and *Richard de Francaville*, were parceners, and which *William de Francavill* confirmed to them.

In the 9*d* of *Henry III.* the King directed his writ to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, to deliver this hundred to *Mary*, widow of *William Fitz-Alan*, belonging to *Mileham* manor, which was her dower, and in the 6*th* of that king, it is said to be worth 6 marks *per ann.*

*John Fitz Alan*, Baron of *Clun*, held this hundred, with that of *South Greenhow*, in fee farm, paying 18*s.* 6*d.* *per ann.* and *John le Strange* was found to hold them of him at 6*l.* *per ann.* and with the said 18*s.* in the 34*th* of the said King.

This *John le Strange* was son of *Ralph le Strange*, by *Agnes* his

<sup>a</sup> This ditch, from which this hundred is said to take its name, (I have heard say,) begins at or near *Wendling Carr*, in which the *Gressenhale* river rises, and runs directly towards the low common, on which the river *Nar* takes its rise near *Mileham*: if the fact be true, it may afford matter of curious inquiry, particularly when that ditch was made, and for what purpose. *Wendling Carr*, and *Mileham* common were both in very early ages probably covered with

water, as well as the low grounds adjoining to the two rivulets that rise respectively from them. Such we know from what we see at this day is usually the state of countries little cultivated, and if it was so here, and the remains of the ditch exists in the direction I am told it does, it was probably made to defend the country to the north and north-east of the *Nar*, and *Wensum*, of which last the *Gressenhale* brook is a branch.

wife, and *Ralph* was son of *Durand* abovementioned, by his wife *Prudentia*.

By an inquisition taken in the 3d of *Edward I.* it was found, before the justices itinerant, *Sir Robert de Hulmo*, *Sir R. de Caston*, and *Sir R. de Saham*, that the stewards of the honour of *Richmond* had newly erected a sheriff's turn, and held two turns in this hundred of the tenants of that honour; after *King Henry III.* gave it to *Peter de Savoy*.

*King Edward I.* in his 14th year, sued the lord of this hundred, *Richard Fitz Alan*, then Earl of *Arundel*, as his right, and pleaded that *Richard King of England* (whose kinsman he was) held peaceably the same; but in the following year the jury for the hundred present, that *John le Strange* held it with that of *South Greenhow*, paying yearly to the aforesaid Earl 6*l.* per ann. and to the King a fee farm rent of 48*s.*; and in the 33d of the said King, the jury present that *John le Strange of Letcham*, and *Clementia* his wife, held the same jointly till the 21st of May last past, when *John* died; this *John* was son of *Sir John le Strange*, by *Isabella* his wife, and he the son of *Ralph le Strange*.

In the 4th year of *Edward II.* *Ralph*, son of *John le Strange of Lutcham* conveyed by fine to *John Fitz Gilbert*, this hundred and that of *South Greenhoe*; this *Ralph* was brother and heir to *John le Strange*, eldest son of *John le Strange*, and *Clementia*; and in the 4th of *Edward III.* *Robart Banard* died seized of this hundred.

In the 21st of *Richard II.* on the attainder of *Richard Earl of Arundel*, these two hundreds abovementioned were granted by that King to his uncle, *John Duke of Lancaster*, and in the following year to *Edmund Duke of York*, on August 8.

After this I find them possessed by *Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolk*, who married *Elizabeth*, eldest daughter of *Richard*, and sister and coheir of *Thomas, Earls of Arundel*; and in the 1st of *Edward IV.* *John Mowbray Duke of Norfolk* died seized of the same, as one of the heirs of the *Fitz Alans*.

On the death of this Duke, and his daughter and heir *Anne*, they came, as I take it, to the *Howard* family, Dukes of *Norfolk*, as their heirs, *Sir Robert Howard* having married *Margaret*, daughter and coheir of *Thomas Mowbray Duke of Norfolk*, and *Thomas Howard Duke of Norfolk* had livery of this hundred in the 1st and 2d of *Philip and Mary*; and in *Queen Elizabeth's* reign, on the attainder of *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*, the Queen granted it A. 25, to *William Dyz of Wickmere in Norfolk, Esq.* for a certain term of years, then valued at 46*l.* per ann. and *King James*, in his first year, June 17, gave it to *Thomas Lord Howard Earl of Surry*, grandson to *Thomas*, late Duke of *Norfolk*, and *Henry Howard*, after Earl of *Northampton*.

It after came to the *Barnwells* of *Mileham*, and the Rev. Mr. *Charles Barnwell* of *Mileham* is the present lord.

The tenths of this hundred amounted to 118*l.* 8*s.* 9*d.*—Deduct for lands belonging to abbies and other religious houses 13*l.* 16*s.* 4*d.* and paid by them.

## BITTERING

**W**AS a beruite, or little lordship, belonging to Archbishop *Stigand's* great manor, or honour of *Mileham*, and valued with it; here were 7 acres of wood, an acre of land and 4 borderers, which *Godric* claimed, as belonging to the fee of *Ralph* Earl of the *East-Angles*, or of *Norfolk*, (as forfeited on his rebellion against the Conqueror) this was held by a certain woman in King *Edward's* time, who was ready to put it on trial, or prove that the money it was mortgaged for was paid, though *Siward* held it still in mortgage;\* but *William de Noiers* held it at the survey, with the manor of *Mileham*, of the King.

Here was also another lordship which *Godric* farmed of the King, with one in *Mileham*, where see an account of it; and these two fees made the townships of *Bittering Magna* and *Parva*.

Both these fees or tenures abovementioned came into the family of the Earls of *Arundel* with *Mileham*, of the grant of the Conqueror, to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, as may be there seen.

*William*, son of *Alan*, granted to *Durandus*, son of *Ralph*, son of *Siward*, this lordship, with one in *Wellingham*, and *Sutton*; this *Siward* was ancestor of a family of *Le Strange*, as may be seen in *Lam-ditch* hundred.

*Jeffrey de Bittering* was lord in the 3d and 15th of *Edward I.* had the assise, view of frank pledge, weif, and stray in his manor of *Bittering Parva*.

In the 30th of that King there was an exchange made between *Richard Page* of *Bucklow* in *Suffolk*, and *Henry*, son of *Hamon* of *Bittering*, whereby *Page* grants to *Henry* all his tenement, with the rents, wards, reliefs, eschaets, &c. in *Bucklow* aforesaid, with the advowson of that church, and in *Sternefeld*, in *Suffolk*, *Henry*, &c. granting to *Page* all his tenement in *Bittering*, with the appertinances, and 10 marks in his pocket, by deed dated at *Bucklow*, on the feast of *Pentecost*: but the manor appears to be still in the *Bittering* family, for in the 9th of *Edward II.* the Earl of *Arundel*, and *John de Bittering* of *Bittering Parva*, were returned to be lords; by which it appears that there were two lordships, *Bittering Parva*, and *Bittering Magna*, and in the said year, *Richard Foliot* was found, as lord of *Gressenhale*, to have a fee in the town of *Bittering*: so that I am inclined to think that *Bittering Magna* and *Parva* were both held of the Earl of *Arundel*, yet two distinct lordships, the first in the family of *L' Estrange*, and the other in that of *De Bittering*, as appears from *Henry de Bitering's* claim against *Ralph L' Estrange*, of the advowson

\* Tre Stigandi Ep. quas custodit W. de Noiers.—In Brittinga vii ac silve, et i ac. tre in qua sunt iii hord. hoc revocat Godric ad feudum Radulphi Comitiss,

et quedam femina que hoc tenuit, T.R.E. Uult ferre judiciu' qd. dissolutu' et a vadimonio. hoc tenet Siuuard. in vadimonio.

of the church of *Bittering Parva*, held under the Earl of *Arundel*; and it further appears that the tenths of the *Bitterings* were joined to those of *Gressenhale*, and valued together at 6*l.* out of which 1*l.* was deducted, and sometimes with *Beeston*, at 9*l.* &c.

*John de Bittering*, son of *John de Bittering*, sen. conveyed lands by fine to *Robert de Bittering* and *Joane* his wife: in 1338, *John de Byteryng* presented to the church as lord, but in 1349, *Sir Robert de Causton* presented, and in the 33d of *Edward III.* *John de Berford* and *Saiera* his wife granted by fine to *Sir Ralph de Poley*, and *Sir William de Rashbrock*, Knts. this manor and advowson, with a dove-house, &c. and *Sir Robert Knolles*, Knt. settled the lordship of *Bittering Parva*, with the advowson, by fine levied in the 6th of *Richard II.* on his trustees, in order to the founding of *Pomfret* college in *Yorkshire*.

After this *Bartholomew Pygot* and *Rose* his wife settled it by fine in the 8th of *Henry V.* on *Leonard Pigot* and *Margaret* his wife in tail, remainder to *Bartholomew* and *Rose*, and the heirs of *Rose*; but in the 11th of *Henry VI.* *Thomas Pygot*, Esq. conveyed it by fine to *Thomas Shouldham*, Esq. with the advowson, which *Symon Dycon* and *Margaret* his wife held for the life of *Margaret*; and in the said year *Simon Dycon* and *Margaret* his wife passed it by fine to *Sir John Clifton*, *Sir Robert Clifton*, &c. with liberty of a foldcourse in *Mileham*; but in the said year it is also said that *Rose*, wife of *Bartholomew Pygot* of *Stradsete*, died seized of the manor of *Bitering* and the advowson, leaving *Thomas Pygot*, her son and heir 26 years old. *Rose* was the daughter of *Sir Ralph Poley*, by *Alice* his wife.

In the 33d of *Henry VI.* *Sir And. Ogard*, Knt. died seized of it: he married the daughter and heir of *Sir John Clifton*, but *Robert Oker* and *Barbara* his wife passed it by fine in the 17th of *Edward IV.* to *Sir Robert Wingfield*, who died seized of it, held of the manor of *Mileham* in the 21st of *Edward IV.*

*Christopher Crow*, the elder, by deed dated *April 26*, in the 37th of *Elizabeth*, in consideration of 200*l.* portion paid to *Roger Bosoun*, father of *Elizabeth*, and of an intended marriage between his son *Christopher* and the said *Elizabeth*, enfeoffs *William Rugge* of *Bylaughe* in *Norfolk*, Esq. &c. in all his manor of *Bittering Parva*, except 36 acres and an half of pasture in *Milcham*, parcel thereof.

In 1665, *Henry Crowe* presented to the church as lord, and in 1709, *Robert Seaman*, Gent. and again in 1711.

In 1730, *Thomas Crow*, Esq. M.D. was lord and patron: see in *East Bilney*.

The Church of *Bittering Magna* has been many years dilapidated, but the place where it stood is called the churchyard. It is now an hamlet annexed to *Gressenhale*.

Temporalities of *Fakenham-dam* in 1428, valued at 10*d.* per ann.

The church of *Bittering Parva* is a rectory, anciently valued at 40*s.* and paid *Peter-pence* 2*d.* the present valor is 2*l.* 13*s.* 5*d.* 0*b.* and is discharged of tenths and first fruits.



## RECTORS.

- 1311, *John de Bytering*, rector, presented by *Robert de Bytering*.  
 1318, *John Helewys*, by *John*, son of *Geff. de Bytering Parva*.  
 1326, *John de Stoke*, by *John de Byteryng*.  
 1333, *William Edmund*, by *John de Byteryng*.  
 1338, *Thomas Caran*. Ditto.  
 1349, *Robert de Croft*, by *Sir Robert de Causton*, Knt.  
*Henry de London* occurs rector in the 44th of *Edward III*.  
 1376, *Nicholas Porter*, by *Sir Ralph de Poley*.  
 1380, *William Attechaw*, by *Alan Hunt*, burgess of *Lenne*, and *Henry de London*.  
 1391, *William Smith*, by *Sir Robert Knolles*, Knt.  
 1417, *John Hoo*, by *Bartholomew Pygot*, Esq.  
 1420, *William Jacob*. Ditto.  
 1433, *John Ryntour*, by the Bishop, a lapse.  
 1436, *Sim. Codlyng*, by *Nicholas Bokkyng*.  
 1461, *Robert Bizlee*, by the Bishop, a lapse.  
 1495, *Geff. Lawyn*. Ditto.  
*Robert Broughton*, alias *Clerkson*, rector.  
 1529, *Nicholas Marshul*, by the Bishop, a lapse.  
 1554, *Richard Stapleton*. Ditto.  
 1568, *Richard Normington*, by *Robert Wingfeld*, Esq.  
 1594, *Nicholas Bune*, by *Christopher Crow*.  
 1624, *Robert Skinner*. Ditto.  
 1665, *John Vincent*, by *Henry Crow*, Gent.  
 1709, *Robert Stone*, by *Robert Seaman*, Gent.  
 1711, *Charles Tylot*. Ditto.  
 1730, *Christopher Sealby*, by *Thomas Crow*, M.D.

This church is still standing, but much decayed, and has service in it only once a month; it is covered with thatch, has no steeple, or bell, and no pulpit, but a desk: in the chancel, which is also thatched, lie one or two grave-stones, with ancient crosses carved on them, for some of the rectors.

## EAST BILNEY.

THIS town does not occur in the book of *Domesday*, being accounted for under the Earl *Warren's* lordship of *Gressenhale*, and that of the Bishop of *Norwich's* of *Elmham*, which took in all this town.

## THE EARL WARREN'S FEE

Was possessed by *Wimer*, his *dapi'er*: from his descendants it came to the *Stutevills*, &c.

*William de Stutevile* was lord here and of *Gressenhale* in the 8th of

*Henry III.* and *Richard Foliot*, in the 9th of *Edward II.* and in this fee was the patronage of a moiety of this church till *William de Stuteville*, by fine, in the 8th of *Henry III.* granted it to *Pandulf* Bishop of *Norwich*, on an exchange for the church of *Brisley*: from the *Foliot*s it came to the *Hastings*, and the *Le Strangers*, as in the manor of *Gressenhale*, and *Sir Nicholas Le Strange* was lord in 1587.

## BISHOP OF NORWICH'S FEE

*Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* had a charter for free warren here, and in *Elmham*, in the 35th of *Henry III.* and in the see it remained till granted to *Thomas Cromwell* by King *Henry VIII.* after the exchange of the lands belonging thereto in 1535, as may be seen in *Elmham*; in this family it continued in 1593, when *Edward Lord Cromwell* presented to this church.

After this it came to the *Athows*, *Christopher Athow*, presenting in 1624, and in 1661; but in the year 1681, *Christopher Crow*, Esq. presented as lord,

This family was descended from *Christopher Crowe*, who died seized of lands here in the 26th of *Henry VIII.*

On an inquisition taken at *Norwich*, July 22, in the 1st of *Elizabeth*, *Thomas Crowe* was found to die seized of 39 acres and a rood of land in *Mileham*, part of the possessions of the priory of *Hempton*, held by the 60th part of a fee, and 36 acres and a rood held of the manor of *Mileham* in this town by soccage; and *Richard Crowe* was his brother and heir, aged 56, son of *Christopher Crowe*.

*Christopher Crowe*, jun. son of *Christopher of East-Bilney*, Gent. in the 37th of *Elizabeth*, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *Roger Boxoun* of *Wissingset*, Esq. and *Christopher Crowe*, Gent. was living in 1659.

*Christopher Crow*, eldest son of *Christopher Crowe*, Esq. of *East Bilney*, died November 4, 1690, and was buried here, and *Christopher Crowe*, Esq. was lord about the year 1720.

After this Dr. *Crowe*, M. D. of *London*, whose sister marrying Mr. *Monins* of *Norwich*, a master weaver, had by him *Christopher Monins*, Esq. the present lord.

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory, in 1428 were 15*d*.

The tenths were 2*l*. 14*s*.—Deduct 4*s*.

In this town was born *Thomas Bilney*, a learned divine of *Cambridge*, who was burnt at *Norwich* in King *Henry* the Eighth's reign, 1531, for preaching against the doctrines of the Popish church, as may be seen at large in *Fox's* Book of *Martyrs*. The register of *Butley* Priory, in *Suffolk*, after taking notice of him as an heretick, adds,—

*Presertim fuit p' totam Angliam vehementi scisma inter clerum et populum laicalem, viz. contra sacra ecclesiastica, et ritus clericorum*  
-----*sacerdotum, necnon contra papam, et de indulgentijs, et excommunicationib;*

Here also was born *Andrew Pern*, D. D. master of *Peter-house* in *Cambridge*, and dean of *Ely* in Queen *Elizabeth's* reign.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and is a rectory, formerly valued at 6 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 6*d*.; the present valor is 5*l*. 19*s*. 1*d*. ob. and is discharged of tenths, &c.

## RECTORS

- Philip de Reedham* occurs rector in the 45th of *Henry III.*  
 1308, *Simon de Clareby*, collated by the Bishop of *Norwich.*  
 1309, *John de Giselingham.* Ditto.  
 1315, *Robert de Sutton.* Ditto.  
     *Robert Markaunt*, rector.  
 1344, *John de Yarmouth*, alias *Swathfeld.* Ditto.  
 1358, *Thomas Walton.* Ditto.  
 1361, *Hugh de Epirston.* Ditto.  
     *Richard* died rector 1375.  
     *John Atmore*, rector.  
 1381, *William Stonhall.* Ditto.  
 1401, *John Roche.* Ditto.  
 1409, *Robert Dunch.* Ditto.  
 1410, *John Fynch.* Ditto.  
 1420, *John Payn.* Ditto.  
 1431, *Nicholas Heylot.* Ditto.  
 1437, *John Atte Firne.* Ditto.  
 1422, *Thomas Robartson.* Ditto.  
     *Thomas Wadpole*, rector.  
 1446, *Walter Martyn.* Ditto.  
 1448, *Walter Hammon.* Ditto.  
 1451, *John Chirche.* Ditto.  
 1454, *Robert Newan.* Ditto.  
 1461, — *Toke.* Ditto.  
 1467, *James Hest.* Ditto.  
 1469, *Rob. Rowning.* Ditto.  
 1475, *William Hull.* Ditto.  
 1477, *Geff. Reed.* Ditto.  
 1492, *Robert Broughton*, alias *Clerkson.* Ditto.  
 1523, *William Davy.* Ditto.  
 1525, *Nickolas Marshall.* Ditto.  
 1554, *Richard Stapleton*, the Bishop, by lapse.  
 1558, *William Fitton*, by *John Lord Poulet*, Lord *St. John* and *Elizabeth* his wife.  
 1560, *Henry Holme.* Ditto.  
 1590, *Robert Frary*, by *Henry Cromwell.*  
 1593, *Nicholas Bane*, by *Edward Lord Cromwell.*  
 1604, *Simon Atkins*, by *Christopher Athow*, Gent.  
     *Christopher Athow*, rector.  
 1631, *John Vincent*, by *Christopher Athow*, Gent.  
 1631, *John Ward*, by *Christopher Crowe*, Esq.  
 1708, *John Jerous*, by *Spelman Crow*, Esq.  
 1758, *Christopher Munnings*, by *Ann Crow*, widow of *Dr. Crow.*

## B E E S T O N.

### EARL WARREN'S FEE.

IN the 22d of *Edward I.* *Robert de Vere* Earl of *Oxford* is said have the manor of *Beeston* in frank marriage, with *Joane* his daughter, to *William*, son of *John* Earl *Warren* and *Surry*;\* but how it came to belong to the Earl of *Oxford* does not appear: probably this was a part of the manor of *Sporle*, which at the survey was in the King's hands, and farmed of him by *Godric*, and so this part is included therein, not being mentioned in *Domesday*: of this see in *Dunham Parva*.

In the *Warren* family it after plainly appears to be, and continued so, till on the death of *John* Earl *Warren*, in 1347, when it descended to the *Fitz Alans* Earls of *Arundel*, together with *Castkarré*, as his heirs, and so was united to the manor that they held in this town.

### BEESTON MANOR, (ARUNDEL FEE,)

Was a part of *Mileham* great lordship, and is included under the account of that town, and granted together with it, by the Conqueror, to *Alan*, son of *Flaald*, ancestor to the Earls of *Arundel*.

In the 30th of *Edward I.* *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* was found to hold this town, and that of *Mileham*, by one knight's fee, and were valued at 57l. 5s. 9d. per ann.; what has been said of *Mileham* need not be here repeated, but I refer the reader to the history of that town.

From the *Fitz Alans* Earls of *Arundel* it was conveyed to Sir *Thomas Gresham*, and by his executors to the *Barnwells*, the Rev. Mr. *Charles Barnwell* of *Mileham* being lord of this town.

### CANKEWELL'S MANOR

Takes its name from the *Cankewells*, lords of *Castkarré Newton*; *Baldwin de Cankewell* was valet to *John de Burgh*, son and heir of *Hubert* Earl of *Kent*, who gave him the manor of *Newton*; the said *Baldwin* held this in the time of *Henry III.* and *Michael*, his son, in the 15th of *Edward I.* as a part of *Mileham* manor, under the Earls of *Arundel*.

In the 14th of *Edward II.* *John*, son of *William de Beeston*, conveyed it by fine to *John de Leche* and *Alice* his wife, daughter of the aforesaid *Michael*, and *Hamo*, son of *John*, son of *John de Leche* of *Newton*, held it, and was found to die seized of 3 messuages, 66 acres of

\* Dugd. Baron. vol. viii. p. 80.

land in *Beeston*, and *Mileham*, by the service of the 40th part of an *ob* of gold, (that is the 40 part of 3 carrats of gold, and was then held of him by a family called *De Beeston*.) in the 9th of *Edward III.* and *Philip Hakeman* of *Tilney* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine, in the 30th of *Edward I.* one messuage, and 70 acres of land in this town, *Mileham*, *Kempton*, &c. to *Edmund*, son of *Ralph le Leche* of *Beeston*, and *Margaret* his wife.

The temporalities of the priory of *Castleacre* were valued in 1428, at 7s. 6d.; of *Westacre* priory at 4s. 6d.; of *Wendling* abbey at 10s.

The tenths of this town with those of *Bittering* were 9l. Deducted 1l. 10s.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *St. Mary*, anciently valued at 33 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 2d. *ob.* the present valor is 12l. 19s. 10d.

### RECTORS.

*William de Paston* was presented to it, in the minority of *William de Warren*.

1318, *Mr. Maur. Adestoke*, by *John de Warren* Earl of *Surry*.

1366, *John de Lodelow*, by *Richard* Earl of *Arundel* and *Surry*.

1367, *Robert Cole*. Ditto.

1377, *Roger Routon*. Ditto.

1399, *Thomas Aston*, by *Thomas*, Earl of *Arundel*, &c.

1417, *Thomas Crundale*, by *John* Lord *Arundel*, and *Matravers*.

1426, *Mr. William Aylesham*, by the King, the manor of *Milcham*, on account of the minority of *John*, son and heir of *Sir John de Arundel*, Knt. cousin and heir of *John* Earl of *Arundel*.

1433, *George Walter*, by *John* Earl of *Arundel*.

1467, *John Norys*, by *William* Earl of *Arundel*.

1504, *Robert Barton*, by the executors of *Henry* Lord *de Grey*, *hac vice*.

1507, *Thomas Butler*, by *Thomas* Earl of *Surry*.

1523, *William Rolle*. Ditto.

1527, *Edmund Denney*.

1557, *Hugh Evans*, by *Ann*, Lady *Matravers*.

1563, *John Thirkeld*, by *Sir Thomas* *Gresham*.

1595, *John Forbye*, by *Steph. Barnwell*, Gent.

*Franc. Merlin*, occurs rector in 1618.

1623, *Edward Ling*. Ditto.

1659, *Robert Cooper*, by *Edward Barnwell*, Esq.

1670, *Richard Ward*; by *William Brown*, and *Charles Barnwell*.

1694, *John Ward*, by *Charles Barnwell*.

1709, *Edward Hoogan*, by *Thomas Hoogan*, Esq.

1734, *Charles Barnwell*, by *Charles Barnwell*, Gent.

I find *John Barne*, rector about 1554, and *John Thompson*, in 1556.

*John Clement*, priest, gave to *John Skinner*, *Maggot's* close in *Beeston*, to him and his heirs, by will dated November 2, 1504,\* paying yearly to the church reeves of *Beeston*, to the helping of the common charges of the said town, 2s. and to discharge the same against the lord and the king.

\* Reg. Rix, Norw. p. 73.

*William Hook* of *Beeston* gave by will 2 acres of land at the end of the green, abutting west on *Bronger's Green*, to keep his anniversary yearly, 1506.<sup>3</sup>

*Robert Kett*, alias *Knight*, gave certain houses to the poor of this town in 1601, 20l. to the repair of the pinnacle and of the steeple, and 40s. wherewith the high window above the rood loft was glazed.

Here were the guilds of *St. Mary*, *St. John Baptist*, and of the *Trinity*, also the lights of *St. Mary*, the Holy Cross, and that of the Sepulchre.

The church was founded in memory of the Nativity of the blessed Virgin, and on the 8th of *September* a feast used to be kept by the inhabitants, and on a window was,

*Orate specialiter p. salubri statu fratrum et soror. gilde gloriose Virginis Marie, cujus honori hæc dedicatur ecclia, et omnium viventium benefactor. eorund et p. a'ob; omnium fratrum et soror. defunctor. ejusd. gilde, ac etiam p. a'iab; defunctor. benefactor. eorund. qui proprijs expensis et pecunijs eidem gilde habende largitis, has octo fenestras vitra fieri devote curaverunt A<sup>o</sup>. 1410.*

The church is a regular pile, with a nave and two isles, covered with lead, (the chancel tiled,) with a tower, and thereon a shaft, or spire, and 4 bells.

There are two chapels, one on the north side called our *Ladie's*, and one on the south called *St. John's*.

On a grave-stone with a brass plate, in the chancel,

*Johannes Forbye, artium magister, atq; hujus ecclesie rector, hæec tabulas, hæc sacraia atq; subælia refecit, et sacris posuit, non prophanis aut secularibus usibus. Mors mihi vita.*

Over the door in the north isle are these old rhimes, in old letters:

*This Share doth shew this manor fine,  
A Share it is, not money mine.  
This many hundred years, you understand,  
A Share to be a fine, for taking up of land.*

Under this is the figure of a plough-share, and the words about it,

*Beeston Fine—Lord Barnwell—See thou keep it.*

The custom of the manor is for all copyholders to pay on every death, or alienation, a plough-share, or 2s.

On the screen also is a *B.* a ploughshare, and a ton, an old rebu for *Beeston*.

Every *Christmas* day 20s. is distributed to the poor in bread, as in *Mileham*, and by the same donor, also 20s for a sermon on *Good Friday*.

<sup>3</sup> Reg. Rix. 421.

## B E T E L Y

WAS a beruite, or little manor, going along with, and depending on the Bishop of the *East-Angles* capital manor of *Elmham*, and held by *William Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*, in 1085; when there was one carucate of land, and 7 villains, 10 acres of meadow, one carucate in demean, and two might be restored, 2 carucates amongst the tenants, and one socman, with 26 acres, a carucate and an acre and half of meadow, &c. this beruite was 8 furlongs long, and 4 broad, and was valued in *Elmham*.<sup>6</sup>

*Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* was lord in the 35th of *Henry III.* and had a charter for free warren.

On the exchange of manors and lands between King *Henry VIII.* and the Bishop of *Norwich*, it was granted (with *Elmham* as may be there seen) to *Thomas Cromwell*, who was afterwards Earl of *Essex*, and *Edward Lord Cromwell*, his descendant, sold it in the 40th of *Eliz.* with the advowson, to *John Athow*, and *Christopher Crow*, of *East Bilney*, Esq. purchased it of the *Athows*.

The lands here and in *Elmham*, with 2 acres in *Tibenham*, belonging to the late monastery of *St. Faith's* of *Horsham* in *Norfolk*, and 3 acres also in *Heveringland*, &c. granted by Queen *Elizabeth*, August 2, A°. 27, to *Theoph. Adams*, and *Thomas Butler* of *London*, Gent.

The tenths 3*l.* 12*s.* 0*d.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary Magdalen*, and is a rectory, anciently valued at 18 marks, paid *Peter-pence* 9*d.*; it was not visited by the archdeacon, and paid no procurations, being the Bishop's lordship; the present valor is 9*l.* 7*s.* 9½*d.* and is discharged of first fruits and tenths.

Here is a nave with 2 isles, covered with lead, and a chancel tiled, and a square tower, with three bells.

Near the communion table a grave-stone,

*Martha uxor charissima Ric. Warner, Cler. obiit primo die Julij A°. Dni. M. D. CC. XIX. A°. Ætat. LXXV.*

*Rich. Warner, A.M. hujus eccles. rector, institut. 1669, obi. 11, Sep. A.D. 1722, atat. 78.*

One

*In memory of Robert Pooley, clerk, who dyed Oct. 22, 1663.*

Also

*Memoria sacrum Hannæ, Franc. Hastings, Generosi, filiæ unicæ, op-*

<sup>6</sup> Tra ep' Tedfordensis ad episcopatu' car. in d'nio. et ii posset restaurari, sep. ii p'tinens T. R. E.—Hic (viz. Elmham) car. hom. et hic jacet i soc. de xxvi ac. jacet sep. i beruita que vicit. Betellea sep. i car. et i ac. et dim. p'ti. silva v de i car. tre. et vii vill. x ac. p'ti. sep. i porc. ht. viii qr. in long. et iiii in lat.

*timâ prosapiâ oriundâ, naturâ, fortunâ, et pietatis dotibus ornatissima, febri puerperium prævenientj, extinctâ, fâto heu nimium immaturo; omnibus, maxime vero omnium conjuge mæstissimo, lugentibus. qui reliquias hasce sanctas, gloriosam olim resurrectionem consecuturas, sub hoc marmore condidit. obt. 13, die Feb. A°. Dni. 1703, ætat. suâ 22.*

*Jacobus Warner, Gen. filius natu maximus Ric. Warner, nuper de Betely, Gen. e vitâ excessit 18 Dec. 1713, ætat. 72.*

*Hic jacet corpus Ric. Warner, Gen. obt. 10. Feb. 1672, ætat. 56.*

*Murtha Warner, Gen. filia 2da. Ham. Ferroux, nuper de Wendling, Gen. obt. 29, Oct. 1696, æt. 77, Posuit Ric. Warner, reet.*

*Hic jacet Elizabetha, Edwardj Lombe, Armigerj, filia natu maxima, bonis omnibus multum flebilis, nullj flebilior quam Ric°. Warner, Generoso, conjugi charissimo, fortunæ multum, naturæ dotibus plurimum ornata. Erga Deum pietate, erga conjugem fide incorruptâ, erga liberos amore, erga omnes benevolentia spectatissima, obiit quinto Martij A.D. 1722, ætat. 35.*

## RECTORS.

1300, *Simon de Ely*, rector, presented by the Bishop of Norwich.

1301, *Mr. Thomas de Foxton*. Ditto.

1310, *Jeff. de Skerning*, sequestrator.

1310, *Richard de Sutton* had it in commendation.

1311, *Geff. de Nottingham* in commendation.

1311, *Mr. Adam de Saxham*, by the Bishop.

1311, *Thomas de Bytering*. Ditto.

*Ralph de Smethwyk*, rector.

1341, *Walter de Olby*.<sup>7</sup> Ditto.

1341, *Edmund de Cheveley*. Ditto.

*Richard de Knewshale*. Ditto.

*John de Roldeston*, rector.

1379, *Robert de Hall*. Ditto.

1393, *Robert Galun*. Ditto.

1416, *Zenobius Aunfer*, L.L.B. Ditto.

1417, *John Almsby*. Ditto.

1418, *George Wastre*. Ditto.

1608, *George Wells*, compounded for first fruits.

In 1642 *Richard Wells* compounded.

1646, *Robert Pooley*, compounded.

1663, *Thomas Jackler*, compounded.

1666, *Richard Warner*, died rector, 1722.

1722, *Henry Rice* on *Warner's* death, by *Charles Morley*, M.D.

<sup>7</sup> This *Walter Olby* swore to find a chantry in the church for the soul of *Mr. Thomas de Bytering* and to observe all in the said chantry according to the appointment of *John de Ely* Bishop of Norwich.



## B R I S L E Y.

THE name of this town does not occur in *Domesday Book*, as being included under the account of the Bishop of *Thetford's* capital manor of *Elmham*, to which township it joins. Many have fancied and concluded that if a town was not mentioned in the aforesaid book, that it was not then in being; but the design of that survey is to account for all the manors that were held at that time *in capite*, and as that is done under *Elmham*, there was no reason to mention this village, it being quite unnecessary.

That it was a part of the Bishop's manor of *Elmham* aforesaid appears also from a writ, or mandate of King *Henry I.* to *Roger Bigot*, (father of *Hugh Bigot* Earl of *Norfolk*) and *Ralph Passelwe*, to take care that *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich* should hold all his land, as well as his men in *Bruselea*, and *Alwyn*, son of *Flotein*, his man, and others, with all their effects, &c. in the same manner as the Bishop held it, at any time in his brother's (*viz.* *William II.*) life, and at his death.<sup>a</sup>

In the 4th year of King *Henry III.* there was an assise to enquire who presented the last rector to the church of *Bristle*, which *William de Stuteville*, lord of *Gressenhale*, claimed against *Pandulph* Bishop of *Norwich* elect; the Bishop moved that he and his successours ought not to be impleaded, unless in the presence of the King, (his bench,) or justiciary, and if the King or his justiciary was not present he would not answer to it.

*Walter* Bishop of *Norwich* had a grant of free warren here in the 35th of *Henry III.* and in the 5d of *Edward I.* the Bishop had the assise, and other liberties from the Conquest.

On the exchange of the Bishop's lands in King *Henry the Eighth's* reign, it was granted with the manor of *Elmham*, to *Thomas Cromwell*, after Earl of *Essex*.

*Richard Warner* of *Elmham*, Esq. died lord: see there.

The honour and manor of *Gressenhale* also extended into this town, and in the 8th of *Henry III.* *Pandulf* Bishop of *Norwich*, by fine levied, granted to *William de Stuteville*, Lord of *Gressenhale*, the advowson of this church, the moiety of the patronage of the church of *Bilney* being granted by *William* to the Bishop.

*Jordan Foliot* claimed free warren in his demeans here, A. 15 *Edward I.* after this it came to the *Hastings* and so to the *Le Stranges*, as may be seen in *Gressenhale*; and Sir *Henry L' Strange*, Knt. of *Hunstanton*, is the present lord of this fee, and patron of the church.

The tenths were 6l.—Deduct 6s. 8d.

THE CHURCH is a regular pile, with a nave, a north and south aisle, covered with lead, the chancel tiled, with a lofty embattled square tower, and four bells.

<sup>a</sup> Regist. Eccles. Cath. Norwic. 1. fol. 53.

Against the south wall of the chancel are three stone seats.

On the pavement a stone

*In memory of Sarah, daughter of John Rowell, Gent. of Watton in Norfolk, and Elizabeth his wife, an infant.*

One

*In memory of William Scrivener who died October 16, 1657.*

In the nave a grave-stone

*For Christ. Athowe, who died Oct. 22, 1585, aged 72.*

One, deprived of its brass plate and inscription, with the shield of Taverner remaining, *argent, a bend fusillee, sable*; this was

*In memory of John Taverner, who died in 1548: he married first Alice daughter and heir of Robert Silvester of Brisley, his 2d wife was Anne, daughter of ——— Crow of East Bilney.*

In the south isle, near the east end,

*Orate p. a'ia Roberti Gogney qui obiit viii<sup>o</sup>. die Januarij A<sup>o</sup>. Dni M<sup>o</sup>. Vc. V<sup>o</sup>. cuj, aie. &c.*

In the church chest is a brass plate taken from a gravestone,

*Orate p. a'ia Edmundi Gogney qui obiit ij die mensis Julij A<sup>o</sup>. Dni M<sup>o</sup>. Vc. xliiii, cuj; a'ie p' pitiet. &c.*

In the north isle on the pavement, at the east end, a gravestone covered partly with seats, with the pourtraiture of a priest, and,

*Orate p. a'ia Johis Athowe, quo'da, rector de Horny'tofte, qi. obiit xviii die Maij A<sup>o</sup>. Dni M<sup>o</sup>. CCCCCXXXI<sup>o</sup>.*

By it a mural monument of white marble, with the arms of Brograve, *argent, three lioncels, in pale, passant guardant gules*:

*Hoc marmor erigitur sumptibus Simeonis Brograve, generosi, in satram memoriam Susannæ uxoris ejus dilectissimæ, quæ mortem subivit 30 mensis Junij 1682, et unicum filium prolem reliquit; qui vitam deponens 18 April 1684 juxta maternum sepulchrum requiescit,*

*Here resteth the body of Simeon Brograve, Gent. who died Dec. 5, 1697. ætat. 67, Mary his 2d. wife survived him.*

The family of Brograve lived here. Mrs. Brograve, widow, re-married Dr. Amids, and was buried by her first husband August 22, 1720.

Edward Brograve was taxed for his lands in 1659, to a militia rate at 72l. per ann.

In the said isle on a gravestone,

*Of your charyte pray for the sowles of Robert Markante and Rose his wyffe, the whiche Robert deceased the iii day of Septe'ber in the yere of our Lord God MCCCCCXXV, on whose sowlls, Jesu have mercy, Amen.*

St. Christopher is painted on the wall by the north door.

In the church was the arms of Hastings, of Bishop Spencer, and Bishop Becks.

Under the east part of the chancel is a crypta, probably an ancient charnel-house or cell to some hermit, or anchorite.

In the church were the guilds of the *Trinity*, and *St. Bartholomew*, *St. Thomas* the Martyr and *St. John* Baptist, the lights of *St. Mary*, *All-Saints*, *St. Nicholas*, and *St. Bartholomew*.

The temporalities of *Normansburgh* priory, in 1428, were 2s. 6d.; of *Petreston* priory 15d. ob.; *Castleacre* 5d.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to *St. Bartholomew*, anciently valued at 16 marks, and paid 6d. *Peter*-pence; the present valor is 8l. 7s. 7d. q. and is discharged.

### RECTORS.

1303 *Stephen de Debenham*, rector, presented by the Lady *Margery Foliot*.

1339, *Nich. de Laurence*, by Sir *Hugh de Hastings*.

1348, *John de Nesefeld*, by *Marg.* relict of Sir *Hugh de Hastings*.

1348, *William de Lanneye*. Ditto.

1349, *Robert de Wynthworth*. Ditto.

1349 *Hugh de Lydgate*, by *Hugh de Hastynges*.

1352, *John de Stow*. Ditto.

*John de Holdenby* rector.

1361, *Robert Pekke*, by the assigns of Sir *Hugh Hastyngs*.

1391, *John de Thorp*, by *Thomas de Morle*, Marshal of Ireland.

1391, *John Broughton*. Ditto.

1395, *Robert Edyman*.

1435, *John Hamond*, by *Edward Lord Hastings*, in right of the manor of *Stanfield*.

*Steph. Wilton*, rector.

1440, *Richard Neketon*, by *John Windham*, Esq. in right of *Margery* his wife, relict of *Edward Lord Hastings*.

1446, *Robert Newman*. Ditto.

1453, *John Attechoo*. Ditto.

1466, *Thomas Harryson*, by Sir *Hugh Hastings*, Knt.

1504, *John Smith*, by *George Hastings*, Esq.

1537, *William Flynt*, by *Hugh Hastings*.

*Henry Holmes*, rector.

1577, *John Hall*, by the Queen.

1615, *Richard Pepper*, by Sir *Hamon Le Strange*.

1662, *Thomas Wilson*, by Sir *Nicholas le Strange*, Bart.

1680, *Thomas Le Strange*. Ditto.

1694, *John Franklin*, by Sir *Nicholas Le Strange*, Bart.

1704, *William Waller*. Ditto.

1711, *James Martin*. Ditto.

1727, *John Francis*, by Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*, Bart.

1742, *Thomas Wetherhead*, by Sir *Thomas L'Estrange*.

This town gave name to the deanery, which was taxed at 20s. the archdeacon of *Norwich* received of the dean of *Brisley* deanery, in the synod of *St. Michael*, for synodals 17s. and at *Easter* 17s. *Peter*-pence paid in the whole deanery 18s. 4d.

## DEANS.

In the year 1300, *Simon de Fresingham*, collated to the deanery by the Bishop of Norwich.

1304, *John de Glynton*.

1314, *Richard de Hedersete*.

1319, *John de Norwich*.

1331, *John de la Coppe*.

1341, *John de Thoney*.

1349, *Robert de Stanmere*.

In 1452, *John Toke*, by his will, orders that out of his goods, his executors should erect an house for a poor man, to be built on his land, called *Caleys*, and one acre to keep it in repair.

## COLKIRK.

THIS lordship was in the Bishops when the see was at *Elmham*, and held at the survey by *William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford*: when *Ailmer* Bishop of *Elmham* held it, there were 2 carucates in demean, one villain, 12 borderers, 4 servi, paunage for 35 swine, 4 acres of meadow, 7 cows, &c. 10 sheep, at the survey, 160 goats, a church endowed with 40 acres valued at 2s. and 14 socmen had 66 acres, and 3 carucates, then valued at 6l. at the survey at 9l. it was 5 furlongs long and 4 broad, and paid 11d. gelt.<sup>9</sup>

*Arfastus*, or *Herfast*, Bishop of *Elmham*, had seized on a wood called *Fangeham*, containing 60 acres; this was granted in fee to Bishop *Beaufoe*, who gave it to his see, and so was united to the manor aforesaid.

In *Domesday Book* it is wrote *Colechirca*; *Col* bespeaks some brook or rivulet, and gives name to many towns; as *Colbrook* in *Middlesex*; *Colby* in *Norfolk*; and *Colehill* from the river *Cole* in *Warwickshire*, &c.

The adjunct *Chirca* may set forth a clear stream, or water, as *Sherburn* in *Dorsetshire*, and *Sherbrook* in *Derbyshire*, &c. and not from its site near a church or *Kirk*, it being so called by the Saxons before their conversion to *Christianity*.

The word *kirk* itself denotes a brook, or stream of water, as *Kirkburn* in *Yorkshire*, *Kirkstead* in *Lincolnshire*, *Kirkdale* in *Lancashire*, &c.

<sup>9</sup> Hund. de Brodercross—

Terra Willi. Epi. Tedfordensis ad  
Episcopatum p' tinens T. R. E.—Cole-  
chirca tenuit A. T. R. E. p. man et p.  
ii car. tre. mo. e. in d'no. tc. i vill. mo.  
nullus, sep. xii bor. tc. iiii ser. mo. ii

sep. ii car. in d'no. silv. lv porc. iiii  
ac. p'ti. vii animalia xxvii porc. tc. x ov.  
mo. clx cap'. eccle xl. ac. val. ii sol.  
et xiiii soc. de lxviac' tc. iiii car. mo. ii  
et dim. tc. val. vi lib. mo. ix ht. v qr.  
in long. et iiii in lat. et xi d. in gelto.

The family of *De Colekirk* was early enfeoffed of this manor by the Bishops of *Norwich*,<sup>1</sup> and so, according to the practice of that age, assumed their name from it; *Richard de Colekirk*, with *William* and *Richard* his sons, were witnesses to a charter of *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the time of *Henry I.* *William de Colecherch* was lord of this town, and of *Hempsted*, in the 12th of *Henry II.* and in his 18th year held two knights fees, of the old feoffment of the Bishop of *Norwich*:<sup>2</sup> of this family might be *Peter de Colechurch*, who begun to build the stone bridge of *London* in 1176.

*Sara*, the heiress of *Colechurch*, on her marriage, brought it to the family of *St. Denys* (*de Sancto Dionysio*,) and *Roger de St. Denys*, probably husband of the said *Sarah*, held it in the 2d of *King John*: in the 13th year, he was found to have this lordship, late *William de Colekirk's*, and paid 10s. scutage, for half a fee.<sup>3</sup>

*Sir Richard de St. Denys*, Knt. was his son, and lord in the 29th of *Henry III.* By a deed dated on the feast of the Invention of the Holy Cross, in the 43d of that King, *Sir Richard de St. Denys* covenants with *Sir Richard de la Rokele*, Knt. to confirm to him in fee this lordship, with the advowson of the church of *Rokely*, granting to him and *Meliora* his wife the manor of *Wokindon* in *Essex*, excepting the advowson, wards, eschaets and fines, and certain lands in that town, &c. part of the said manor, with license for *St. Denys* and his wife, to hunt in the warren, and fish in the fish-ponds of the said manor, but not to sell the game, and that he might amerce the tenants, and take the revenues, but not to levy tallage on them; *St. Denys* to maintain the buildings of the manor-house, who also covenants to deliver seisin of *Colkirk*, to *Rokele*, before the Monday after the feast of *St. John, Port Latine*, following the same; witnesses, *Sir John de Vaux*, *Sir Ralph de Camois*, *Sir William le Blund*, *Sir Hamon Burd*, *Sir Ralph de Gatele*, *Sir Reginald de St. Martin*, *Sir William de Wokendon*, *Sir Ralph de Pavill*, Knts. &c. and in the said year he granted to *Rokele* the reversion of one carucate of land, which *Mabel* his daughter formerly held, and the lands which *Joane*, widow of *Roger de St. Denys*, held in dower, and 40s. rent which *John de St. Denys*, son of *John de Colkirke*, held of his gift for life only, and sent his tenants of the manor notice thereof, by his precept dated at *Wokyndon*, May 8.

But *Roger Le Ken* and *Joan* his wife, with *John Mansel* and *Isabel*, had still some right herein, which they conveyed for 40 marks of silver to *Rokele*, in the 4th of *Edward I.* by fine.

*Sir Richard de la Rokele* was found to die seized of it by the service of 3 fees, valued at 31*l.* and chattels valued at 9*l.* in the 24th of the said King, and *Richard* was his son and heir, who by the eschaet rolls died in the 32d of the aforesaid reign, lord of this town, held by two parts of three knights fees, with *Margery* his wife, who survived him, valued at 20*l.* and of the lordship of *Gateley* valued at 5*l.* 4s. per ann. leaving *Maud* his sister and heir, the 3d part of these manors being held in jointure by his mother, whose name seems to be *Cecilia*.

*Maud*, sister and heir to her brother, appears to have married *Sir Roger de Fraxino*, or *Atte-Ash*: in the 35th of *Edward I.* he and *Maud* had a writ *ad quod damnum*, for changing a way in this town,

<sup>1</sup> Regist. 1. Cathed. Norw. fol. 24. Areastus, silva. de Fangeham, et est in

<sup>2</sup> Lib. Rub. Scij.

<sup>3</sup> Rot. Pip.—In Colekirke invasit

longo LX acr. Terra ejusdem de feudo.

and died lord in the 1st of *Edward II.* leaving *Lucia* his daughter and heir, aged 2 years, who afterwards was the wife of *Robert Baynard*, son of *Robert Baynard* of *Whetacre*: and in the 3d of *Edward III.* *Robert Baynard* and *Lucia*, by a fine levied between them and *Symon*, parson of *Whetacre*, *Adam de Sheringham*, and *John de L'Esh*, settled on *John*, this manor and advowson, and the manor of *Gateley*, with messuages and lands in *Gunthorp* and *Field-Dalling*, paying to *Robert* for life 40 marks *per ann.* out of this, and 20 marks out of *Gateley* manor *per ann.* and in the next year this manor was settled by fine on *Lucia* for life, remainder to *Thomas Baynard*, son of *Lucia*, and *Maud* and *Joan* his sisters; remainder to *Lucia's* heirs.

On an inquisition taken *April 16*, in the 4th of *Edward III.* *Robert Baynard* was found to die seized of it for life, by the courtesy of *England*, being the inheritance of *Lucia* his wife, late deceased, held of the Bishop of *Norwich* of his manor of *North Elmham*; by the service of paying at the end of every 32 weeks 10d. castle guard.

The lordship then had a capital messuage, 160 acres of arable land at 4d. *per acre*, 3 acres of meadow at 12d. *per acre*, 10 acres of pasture at 1d. *per acre*, 20 of underwood at 6 years growth worth 3s. *per acre*; rent of assise 53s. 4d. payable at *Christmas*, *Whitsuntide*, and *Michaelmas*; a windmill valued at 10s. *per ann.* also 40 quarters of barley at 2s. 8d. *per quarter*, payable at *St. Michael*, 50 hens payable at *Christmas*, at 1d. *per hen*, the day's work of the copyholders worth 10s. *per ann.* pleas and perquisites of the court baron, with court leet 10s. *per ann.*; he likewise held the manor of *Gateley*, and the moiety of that of *Batheley*.

In the 16th of *Edward III.* it appears that *Sir Edmund de Thorp*, lord of *Ashwell-Thorp*, held this manor in right of *Joan* his wife, sister and heir of *Thomas Baynard*, by virtue of a fine levied in the 6th of the said King: in this family it remained till *Isabel*, daughter and co-heir of *Sir Edmund de Thorp*, (the last heir male of the family, being killed in the wars of *France*, about the end of King *Henry V.*) brought it by marriage to *Philip Tilney*, Esq. of *Boston* in *Lincolnshire*, whose son *Frederick*, by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *Lawrence Cheyney*, Esq. of *Ditton* in *Cambridgeshire*, left a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, who married *Sir Humphrey Bourchier*, eldest son of *John Lord Berners*, slain at *Barnet Field* on *Easter day*, 1471, on the part of King *Edward IV.* *Sir John Bourchier*, son and heir of *Sir Humphrey*, inherited it as heir to his mother, and was summoned to parliament as *Lord Berners* in the reign of *Henry VII.* and left by *Catharine* his wife, daughter of *John Howard* Duke of *Norfolk*) at his death in 1532, two daughters and coheirs, *Mary*, who died without issue, and *Jane*, married to *Edmund Knevet*, Esq. serjeant porter to King *Henry VIII.* who had livery of this lordship in the 25th of that King; and in 1560, being a widow, gave then by will this manor to *William*, and that of *Gateley* to *Edmund Knevet*, &c. her younger sons, who both joined and sold *Colkirk* and *Gateley* to their nephew, *Sir Thomas Knevet* of *Ashwell Thorp*, who with his eldest son, *Thomas Knevet*, Esq. conveyed them to *Michael Hare*, Esq. of *Stow Bardolf*;\* on *July 8*, in the 33d of *Elizabeth*.

About this time, by a rental of this lordship, it appears that there

\* Of the Hares see in *Stow Bardolph*.

were 275 acres of pasture ground inclosed, 247 of arable, 40 acres in copyswood, free rents *per ann.* 58s. 6d. 246 acres of copy hold land fine at the lord's pleasure, 9l. 16s. 8d. rent barley *per ann.* 6 quarters, lacking half a bushel, at 8s. the quarter, 47s. 6d. rent capons 17s. rent hens 5, 2s. 6d. with seed for 400 and a half of sheep, in the shack from harvest ended to the anunciation of our Lady next after, at 2d. *per* sheep 4l. 1s. the patronage of the parsonage valued at 40l. *per ann. communibus annis*, common, or waste ground 40 acres, perquisites of court and lete *communibus annis* 3l. 6s. 8d.—*Item*, there are diverse bondmen regardant to the said manor, and do yearly pay the chevage.

*Michael Hare*, Esq. aforesaid, by his will dated July 15, 1609, gives this lordship and that of *Gately* to his brother *Robert Hare*, for life, and then to *Nicholas Timperley*, Esq. his nephew; and the said *Robert* died seized November 2, in the 9th of *James I.* and *Nicholas* his nephew was then found to be the son and heir of *Thomas Timperley*, Esq. by *Audrey* his wife, daughter of Sir *Nicholas Hare* of *Brusyard* in *Suffolk*, and sister of *Michael* and *Robert Hare* aforesaid.

This *Nicholas* died on January 1, 1623; and left by *Anne* his wife, daughter and coheir of *William Markham*, Esq. of *Oakley* in *Northamptonshire*, *Thomas*, his son and heir, who succeeded him as lord of this town and *Gately*: he was afterwards a knight, and by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of *John Shelley*, Esq. of *Sussex*, left two sons, *Michael*, and *Nicholas*, which *Nicholas* died in 1658, and was buried here, as I shall show; also in the church lies buried *William Timperley* who died in 1660, and *Nicholas Timperley*, Esq. who died September 24, 1662.

The last of this family who enjoyed this estate was ----- *Timperley*, Esq. who about the year 1721, sold it to *Henry Kelsal*, Esq. of the treasury, and having wasted most of his estates and fortunes, and being a Roman Catholic, went abroad, and lived in some convent.

The present lord is the Lord Viscount *Townsend*.

The *Timperleys* descend from *Thomas Timmerley*, Esq. of *Bowdon*, in *Cheshire*, who removed thence into *Suffolk* in the reign of *Henry VI.* and had *John* his son and heir, who married *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Roydon*, and is buried in the chancel of *Hintlesham* church in *Suffolk*, under a blue marble stone, with his portraiture and that of his wife, on a brass plate, with an inscription setting forth that he was heir and lord of *Hyntlesham*, and died in 1460: he was father of *John* and *Nicholas*.<sup>3</sup> *John* married a daughter of ----- *Tydd* of *Weston*, and left a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, wife of *Firmin Rookwood* of *Weston*, in *Norfolk*.

*Nicholas*, the 2d son of *John*, died before his father, and had *William Timperley*, Esq. of *Hintlesham*, his son and heir, who lies buried under a marble stone there, and died March 10, 1527;<sup>6</sup> and his son, *Thomas Timperley*, Esq. with *Audrey* his first wife, and *Katharine* his 2d; also *Nicholas* his son, with *Ann* his wife, lie there buried.

I have also met with *Robert Timperley*, who married *Joane*, found in the 10th of *Edward IV.* to be daughter and heir of *Robert Fitz-Simon*.

<sup>3</sup> *Nicholas Tymperley*, Esq. lies buried in the church of *Buxhall* in *Suffolk*, where it is said he died May 20, 1489.

<sup>6</sup> In the south isle of *St. Stephen's*

church is buried " Dame Mary, sum tyme the wyfe of John Tymperley, knight, late the wyfe of And. Sulyard, Esq. who died January 13, 1546.

*Baynard*, lord of this town, bore *sable*, a fess between two chevrons, *or. Thorp*, lord of this town, bore *azure*, three crescents, *argent*. *Tilney*, *argent*, a chevron between three griffins heads, erased, *gules*. *Bouchier*, *argent*, a cross engrailed, *gules*, between four water budgets, *sable*. *Knevet*, *argent*, a bend, and bordure engrailed, *sable*. *Hare*, *gules*, two bars and a chief indented, *or. Timperley*, quarterly, *gules* and *argent*, in the first quarter an escallop of the first

The tenths were 2*l.* 6*s.* 8*d.* Deductions for the lands of the religious, 4*s.* *Peter-pence*, 6*d.*

The temporalities of *Walsingham* priory in 1428, valued at 1*s.*

*Ralph de Thornkyn* of Colkirk gave them land here.<sup>7</sup>

The temporalities of *Fakenham-dam* (or *Hempton*) 2*s.* 4*d.*; of *Norwich* priory, in pasture, 12*d.*

I find also 12*d.* *per ann.* paid to the fraternity (or preceptory) of *Kerbroke*.

The Church is dedicated to the Virgin *Mary*, and was a rectory valued at 30 marks *per ann.* Present valor 10*l.*

There was formerly a vicar under the rector, who was presented by the prior of *Wayburne*. *Peter-pence* 12*d.*; and has 5 bells.

In 1346, all the altarage profits were assigned for the support of the vicar, and all the lands wherewith the church was endowed, except the site of the rectory, and 3 roods of land opposite to it, to the south.

A mansion was also to be built within six years, at the charge of the convent of *Waburne*, and liberty of fishing in the pool against the rectory; 40*d.* *per ann.* for wine, at the altar; and the repair of the chancel, &c. to be in the convent.

On the north wall of the chancel is a monument with the arms of *Timperley*, and this motto,

*Prævide, provide, ne præveniare.*

And,

Here at the foot of this wall resteth the body of *William Timperley* who died 10 of *May*, 1660.

Reader,

However young and strong, be not in breath  
Too confident, since by untimely death  
(A pistol breaking in his hand) lies here,  
A *Timperley* was slain; rather a tear  
Distill, then judge, since he so worthy dies,  
Rather let fall another from thine eyes  
And (serious) say (ask not a reason why)  
Better dye soon, then longer live and dye.

And on the said wall a mural monument of black and white marble, with the arms of *Timperley*.

*Nicholas Timperley*, Esq; died September 24, 1664. *Anne Barker*, sister to *Nicholas*, died May 8, 1662.

<sup>7</sup> Reg. Walsing. 113.



*Successive nights and days we had on earth  
Extracted from one womb, a second birth  
Here sleeping we expect day without night,  
To wake (we hope) into eternal light.*

Against the south wall, on a mural monument, an hour-glass with wings, a pearl, and an eye with wings, and these verses,

*Lo Time !—Pearl,—Eye, a rebus, which to thee  
Speaks what I whilom was, a Timperley.  
Wing'd Time is flown, so is the world from me,  
A glittering Pearl whose gloss is vanity.  
But th' Eye of hope is of a nobler flight,  
To reach beyond thee (Death) enjoy his sight,  
Who conquer'd thee, hence springs my hope, that I  
Shall rise the same, and more a Timperley.*

Also a stone,

*In memory of Nicholas Barker, Esq; who died the first of January, 1660, with the arms of Barker, barry of ten, or, and sable, a bend over all, gules.*

Within the rails of the communion table, a gravestone,

*In memory of Anne Jessop, wife of Mr. John Jessop, minister of Colkirk, daughter of John Hills, gent. and grandchild to Sir John Potts, baronet, who died February 28, 1659.*

## RECTORS.

1305, *Thomas de Fraxino*, alias *Atte Ashe*, instituted rector, presented by *Roger de Fraxino*.

1324, *John Baynard*, by *Sir Robert Baynard*, Knt.

1537, *Nicholas de Oxwick*, by *Adam de Shyryngham*, and *John Atte Eshe*, who recovered the presentation against *Adam de Thorle*.

*Peter de Creting*, rector about 1345, and succeeded by *Ralph Broun*.

In the 12th of *Edward III.* the church was appropriated by *Anthony Beck* Bishop of *Norwich* to the prior and convent of *Wayborn* in *Norfolk*; and *William Bateman*, Bishop, his successour, ordained in this manor, that the vicarage should be endowed with all the fruits and profits belonging to the altarage, and all lands wherein the church was endowed, except the rectory, and 3 roods of land opposite to the rectory on the south side; the religious to build for the vicar a mansion-house with offices, sufficient out-houses within six years; in the mean time the vicar shall dwell in the rectory-house, on the penalty of 40s. to be paid by the religious to the high altar of the church of *Norwich*, the grange, barns, and one stable of the said rectory being excepted.

The right of fishing on the lake was allowed the vicar, and liberty of watering cattle in common to both; the vicar's portion limited at 10 marks, that of the religious at 20, towards the paying of tenths and other dues; the reparations of the chancel, books and vestments, shall belong to the religious, the vicar to be at all charges in per-

forming divine services, the religious paying to him 40*d.* *per ann.* dated March 4, 1346.

## VICARS.

1349, *Edmund de Wharles* instituted vicar, presented by the prior and convent of *Waburn*.

1368, *Robert*, son of *Jeffrey Robyn*, by ditto.

1392, *John Kensale*, on the Bishop's nomination and the prior's presentation.

1395, *John Holbeck*. Ditto.

1396, *John Attie Medwe*. Ditto.

1410, *Edmund Drake*. Ditto.

1411, *Charles Aleyn*, by *Edmund de Thorp*, knight, who recovered the rectory from the priory of *Waburn*, after they had possessed it 80 years.

## THE RECTORY RESTORED.

*Walter Barker* instituted rector 1425, presented by *Henry Inglose*, &c.

1461, *Ralph James*, by *Humphrey Bouchier* and *Elizabeth* his wife.

1475, *William Alcock*, by *Thomas Howard*, Esq.

1481, *Henry Pedder*. Ditto.

1504, *William Goodynow*, by *Thomas Earl of Surry*.

1537, *Thomas Bolt*, by the assigns of *Edmund Knevet*.

1538, *Oliver Soley*. Ditto.

1546, *William Crosby*, by *Joan Knevet*, widow.

1556, *Thomas Thompson*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1558, *Thomas Hunt*, by *Joan Knevet*, widow.

1558, *John Beaumont*. Ditto.

1580, *William Burgeis*, by Sir *Thomas Knevet*.

*Elias Bate*, 1623, by the assignees of *Nicholas Timperley*, senior.

*Jonathan Jessop*.

1662, *John Ward*, by *Samuel Smith* of Colkirk.

1669, *Timothy Caryan*, by *Thomas Timperley*, Esq.

1712, *George Hughes*, by *Thomas Bendish*, Esq.

1741, *William Powell*, by the Lord Townsend.

## DUNHAM PARVA.

Of this town we meet with no account in the book of *Domesday*, it being part of the King's manor of *Sporle*, and farmed of him by *Godric*, and so is accounted for under *Sporle*:<sup>a</sup> it remained royal

<sup>a</sup> Of the family of Briton, Rivers, &c. Norf. vol. vi. p. 118.  
see at large in *Sporle*, Blomfield's Hist.

demeans till King Henry I. granted it, together with *Sporle*, to *Baldwin de Bosco* or *Bois*, who on the marriage of his daughter and coheir *Hildeburgh*, granted it to *Henry de Vere*, and *Henry* granted it to Sir *Ralph de Briston*, who gave it *William le Briston*, and *John* his son and heir.

In the 5th of Henry III. *Alianore*, widow of *Reginald de Dunham* possessed lands here.

This family held the lordship under the *Britons*. *John de Dunham* was found to hold a quarter of a fee here and in *Beeston*, under Sir *John de Breton*; and in the 15th of *Edward I.* *John de Dunham* claimed the assise of his tenants, weyf, and other royal privileges in this town.

*John de Dunham*, by fine levied, settled it on Sir *John de Briton* and *Maud* his wife, with all its services and rents.

Sir *John* was a parliamentary baron in the 29th of that King, and in the 33d one of the justices of *trail baston*, whose son *John* died seized in 1311, leaving *Maud* his sister and heir, the wife of *Richard de la Rivers*, of *Ongar* in *Essex*, who became lord in her right, and of *Sporle*.

In the 6th of *Edward III.* Sir *Richard de River* settled the reversion of it on *Thomas* his son, and *Alice*, daughter of *John de Loudham*, in tail, (his intended wife,) remainder on *John* and *Ralph*, brothers of *Thomas*.

Sir *Richard* died before the 10th of that King, *Maud* being then his widow; and Sir *Thomas de la River* was lord in the 20th of that King.

*Thomas de Batesford* presented to this church in 1338, in right of *Maud* aforesaid, then his wife.

In the 49th of *Edward III.* Sir *Robert Swillington*, Knt. and *Margaret* his wife, *John Garleke* and *Sarah* his wife, conveyed by fine, this lordship, to Sir *Robert Corbet*, senior, and *Beatrix* his wife, the said *Beatrix*; *Margaret*, and *Sarah*, being daughters of Sir *Richard de la River*, and sisters and coheirs of Sir *Thomas*: this Sir *Robert*, senior, died seized of it, as appears from the escheat rolls, in the 6th of *Henry IV.* leaving *Robert* his son, aged 40, and bore two barrulets, and on a canton a lion passant.

*Robert* his son was also a knight and lord of this town, and of *Assington* in *Suffolk*, and dying without issue male in 1438, left *Sybill* his daughter and heir, who married *John Grevill*, Esq. son of ——— *Grevill*, a merchant, at *Cambden* in *Gloucestershire*, and dying without issue in the 23d of *Henry VI.* *Guy Corbet*,<sup>o</sup> her uncle, became lord of this town and *Assington*, and by *Joan* his wife, daughter of Sir *Edmund Thorp* the elder, of *Ashwell Thorp*, had Sir *Robert Corbet*, his son and heir, who married *Elizabeth*, daughter of ——— *Dorward of Rocking*, in *Essex*, who, with his wife, settled this lordship, by fine, in the 33d of the said King, on Sir *John Fortescue*, Knt. lord chief justice of the King's Bench, and *John Prisot*, chief justice of the Common Pleas.

This Sir *Robert* was father of *Robert Corbet*, Esq. who married

<sup>o</sup> *Guy's* will is dated 1433, to be buried in the south aisle of *Assington* church, gives legacies to the prioress of *Campsey*, his sister; *Joan* his ad wife executrix.

*Maud*, daughter of the aforesaid Sir *John Fortescue*; and after married (during the said *Maud*, his first wife's life, forsaking her) *Lettice*, daughter of *John Shirewood*, of *Coventry*, and left issue by her *Robert* and *Alice*; his first wife, *Maud*, surviving him, from whom he never was divorced; upon this, *Roger Corbet*, Esq. his brother, 2d son of Sir *Robert* aforesaid, made an entry into his lands, as next and legal heir, but *Lettice* aforesaid, having married ——— *Talboys*, a servant to *Thomas Rotherham*, Archbishop of *York*, and Chancellor of *England*, *Roger* sued him in the spiritual court of *Canterbury*, and *Talboys* procuring a prohibition, *Roger* appealed to *Rome*, and a writ was directed by *Rotherham*, to *Roger*, of *Ne exeat regnum*; upon this, *Roger* was laid up in the counter two years, but being enlarged in the last year of King *Edward IV.* died presently after.

It appears that *Maud*, first wife, had a jointure of 20 marks *per ann.* out of this manor: she retired, and lived in the nunnery of *Hellenstow* in *Bedfordshire*, and died there.

It further appears, that Sir *Rich. Corbet* aforesaid, left also two daughters, sisters of *Robert* and *Roger Corbet*; *Blanch*, married to *Humphrey Conynsby* of *Neen-Solers* in *Shropshire*, and *Elizabeth* to *William Leighton* of *Little Wenlock* in the said county; but I do not find they ever had any interest in, or inherited this manor.

In the 12th year of *Edward IV.* during the suits abovementioned, *Margaret Corbet*, sister of Sir *Robert Corbet*, deceased, father of *Robert* and *Roger*, died, having sold this lordship to *John Coket*, senior, and in 1479, the said *John* presented to this church, and in 1481, *Thomas Cocket* presented.

In the 10th of *Henry VII.* *John Cocket* was found to die lord of it, and *John* was his son and heir. *Thomas Coket*, Esq. was lord in 1511, and presented.

In 1515, *Robert Coraunt*, and in 1541, *Edmund Bockyng* presented in right of *Elizabeth* his wife; in 1556, *Richard Bockyng* and *John Calybut*, and *John Calybut*, Esq. in 1562; in 1583, *Edmund Bockyng* and *Philip Audley*, Esq. which *Philip* married *Margaret*, eldest daughter and coheir of *John Calybut*, Esq.

From *Philip Audley* it came to Sir *Edward Coke*, who was lord in 1601. Sir *Edward*, by deed, dated *November 4*, in the 15th of *James I.* settled it, with *Thornham Bishop's* in *Norfolk*, and *Elmham*, &c. on *Frances* his daughter, fourth wife of Sir *John Villiers*, after Viscount *Purbeck*, after his and his wife's death; and she presented in 1640. On her death it came to *Robert Danvers*, Esq. son of the Lord Viscount *Purbeck* aforesaid, by his 2d wife, *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *William Slingsby* of *Kippax* in *Yorkshire*, Knt. of whom she was privately delivered, and he was for a long time called *Robert Wright*.<sup>1</sup>

This *Robert* taking to wife the daughter and heir of Sir *John Danvers*, one of the murderers of King *Charles I.* obtained a patent from *Oliver Cromwell*, to change his name to *Danvers*, and died seized of this lordship *February 18*, 1657, but not without issue, as *Dugdale* says.

In 1682, Sir *William Raastern*, Knt. presented as lord, and in 1692, *John Turner*, third son of *William Turner*, attorney, is said to have bought it of *Francis Drury*; but in 1706, *Thomas Rogers*, Esq. of *Cley*

by the Sea, possessed it, and presented to the church, and his son  
 ——— *Rogers, Esq. of Norwich*, is the present lord.

The manor once possessed by the *Turners* was sold by *Sir John Turner*, to *Mr. Backler*; the site is in *Great Dunham* manor, *Roger's* is in *Little Dunham*, and does not seem to have belonged to the *Turners*, unless the *Turners* had two manors.

The tenths were *St. 16s. 11d.*—Deduct *1l.*

The honour or manor of *Hokering* extended into this town: see in *Scarning* and *Swanton Morley* in this hundred.

In the 19th of *Edward I.* *Godfrey de Beaumont* held here, in *Scarning*, &c. four fees of the aforesaid honour, and in the 9th of *Edward II.* *Walter de Langton* and *Joan Beaumont* were found to hold lands in this town, *Scarning* and *Fransham*, by four fees, of *John le Marshall*.

The CHURCH is a rectory dedicated to *St. Margaret*, the old valor was 18 marks, and paid *Peter-pence 5d. ob.* the present valor is *9l. 15s. 11d. ob.* and is discharged.

In 1431, I find a legacy to the new building of the tower.

In the 18th of *Edward I.* *Sir John de Briton* had the patronage of it.

#### RECTORS.

1308, *Roger de Swanton*, rector, presented by *Sir John de Dunham*, Knt.

1335, *Walter de Wanyngdon*, by *Thomas de Batisford* and *Maud* his wife.

1349, *Roger de Chalfont*. Ditto.

1379, *William Dunneleut*, by *Sir Robert Corbet*, senior.

1385, *William Acton*. Ditto.

1399, *Richard Scroop*. Ditto.

1408, *Richard Person*, by *Guy Corbet*,

1413, *John Wakke*, ditto, he died 1431, and was buried in the chapel of *St. Mary* in this church.

1479, *Geff. Norman*, by *John Cocket*, sen. of *Hampton*.

1481, *John Clerk*, by *Thomas Coket*.

1511, *Walter Yevan*, by *Thomas Coket*, Esq.

1515, *William Stevynson*, by *Robert Coraunt*.

1541, *William Ficays*, by *Edmund Bockyng*, jure uxoris.

*John Reder*, rector.

1556, *John Brightive*, by *Richard Bockyng*, and *John Calybut*.

1562, *Edmund Morton*, by *John Calibut*, Esq.

1583, *William Davy*, by *Edmund Bockyng* of *Bocking Ash*, *Suffolk*. and *Philip Audley*.

1585, *Thomas Repkin*, by *Philip Audley*, Esq.

1601, *John Beacyn*, by *Sir Edward Coke*.

*James Molines*, rector, compounded for first fruits in 1635,

1640, *William Thetwell*, by the lady *Elizabeth Hatton*, alias *Coke*, late wife of *Sir Edward Coke*.

*William Jacob*, rector.

1660, *John Gunby*, by the King, a lapse.

1682, *William Somersby*, by *Sir William Rawstern*, Knt.

1708, *Thomas Cook*, by *Thomas Rogers*, Esq.

1716, *Bran. Green*, by *Thomas Rogers, Esq.*

1724, *Joseph Ward. Ditto.*

1741, *John Edgerley*, by *Thomas Rogers, Esq.*

1747, *Charles Allan*, by ditto.

In the church were the guilds of *St. Margaret*, the *Holy Trinity*, and the *Virgin Mary*.

## DUNHAM MAGNA MANOR,

### ARUNDEL'S FEE, OR HARSICK'S MANOR,

So called from its site, *Dun* signifying a hill, or rising ground. It was at the survey a beruite to the manor or honour of *Mileham*, which *William de Noiers* held or farmed under the Conqueror, who seized on it, on the deprivation of Archbishop *Stigand*, who was lord in the reign of the Confessor, when there belonged to it 4 carucates of land, 19 villains, 8 borderers, 2 servi, paunage for 20 swine, with one acre of meadow, and 8 socmen held 34 acres of land, with a borderer, and one acre of meadow; there was also then a carucate and an half in demean, and a carucate and an half amongst the tenants or men; 2 animals, or cows, &c. and there belonged to it the moiety of a market, and half an acre of land in *Thetford*, and 2 socmen, and 2 borderers had 40 acres of land, and a carucate, the whole, including the manor of *Milcham*, and the beruite of *Licham*, was valued in King *Edward's* time at 30*l.* at the survey 60*l.*

It was three leucas long and one broad, and paid 20*d.* to a 20*s.* gelt, whoever may have it.<sup>a</sup>

This was granted, soon after this account of it, to *Alan* son of *Flaald*, ancestor of the *Fitz Alans* Earls of *Arundel*, of whom see at large in *Milcham*, to which we refer the reader.

*Alice*, widow of *Eudo de Arsic*, held here and in *Southacre*, in the reign of *Henry III.* one fee of the honour of *Milcham*, and Sir *Roger Harsick* held it under the Earl of *Arundel* in the 3d of *Edward I.* and the moiety of a weekly mercate on *Saturday*, with the assise, and view of frank pledge: and in the 2d of *Edw. II.* *John de Harsike* had a charter of free warren.

In the 28th of *Edward III.* Sir *John Harnik* settled by fine on *Thomas*

<sup>a</sup> Tre. Stigandi Epi. quas custodit W. de Noiers—Dunham jacet etiam alia beruita (viz. Mileham) iiii car. tre tc. xviii vill. p' et mo x semp. viii bord. tnc. et p' ii ser. mo. null. silva xx por. et i ac. pti. et viii soc xxxiiii ac. tre et i bord. et i ac. p'ti. tnc. i car. et dim. p'. et mo i in d'no. semp. i car. et dim. posset restaurari. et tnc. i car. et dim.

hom. p'. i mo. dim. et i posset restaur. semp. ii an. et viii por. et vi ov. In hac beruita semp. dim. mercatu' in Tedfort dim. ac. tre. et ii soc. xl ac. tre. et ii bor. semp. i car. totu' hoc. val. t'pr' R. E. xxx. lib. et mo. lx lib. blancas. et ht. iii leug. in longo et i in lato, et xxviid. de gelto de xx sol. qu'c'aq; ibi t'ram habeat.

*de Bittering* and *Christian* his wife (his mother, as I take it) 7l. 13s. 4d. per ann. out of it.

On the death of Sir *Roger Harsike* in 1454, who married *Alice*, daughter of *Nicholas Witchingham* of *Fishley*, in *Norfolk*, Esq. it came to his two daughters and coheirs, *Margaret* and *Jane*; and on a division of the *Harsike's* estate, this was assigned to *Jane*, the youngest, who married *Richard Dorward*, Esq. (third son of *John Dorward*, Esq. serjeant at law and speaker of the House of Commons) by whom he had a daughter and sole heir, *Margaret*, who was the wife of Sir *John Wingfield*, fourth son of Sir *John Wingfield* of *Letheringham* in *Suffolk*, and in her right was lord of this village, and dying in the beginning of *Henry* the Eighth's reign, was buried in the chancel of *Dunham* church, as was his lady in or about 1509.

*Thomas Wingfield* was their son and heir, who took to wife *Elizabeth*, daughter of Sir *Thomas Woodhouse* of *Kimberley*, by whom he had two sons, *Roger* and *John*, who left by *Ann* his wife, daughter of *Thomas Townsend* of *Testerton*, a daughter and sole heir *Anne*, married to *Thomas Athow*, Esq. of *Beacham Well*, serjeant at law; *Roger*, the elder brother, married *Elizabeth*, daughter of *John Golding* of *Belchhamp St. Pauls* in *Essex*, and had a son *John*, who died without issue by *Elizabeth* his wife, daughter of ——— *Foster* of *Yorkshire*. *Roger* his father conveyed by fine to *Thomas Golding*, Gent. son of *John Golding*, this manor of *Arick's*, and the manor of *Rous* in this town, in the 38th of *Henry VIII.* with 6 messuages, 2 cottages, 500 acres of land, 60 of meadow, 200 of pasture, 30 of wood, 100 of heath and furze, and 10l. per ann. rent in *Dunham Magna* and *Parva*, and *East Lexham*: and in the 6th of *Elizabeth*, Sir *Thomas Golding*, Knt. and *Henry Golding*, Esq. conveyed to *Nicholas* and *William Mynns* the aforesaid two manors.

In 1572, *And. Clerk* presented as lord, and *Christian* his wife.

After this, in the reign of King *James I.* *Henry Bastard*, Gent. was lord, and presented to this church in 1599, and 1616; and in 1660, *Mary*, widow of *Thomas Hogan*, Esq. descended from *Robert Hogan*, Esq. of *East Bradenham*, living in the reign of *Henry VIII.* and dying in the 1st of *Edward VI.* left *Thomas* his son and heir, who was a knight, and died in the reign of Queen *Elizabeth*; *Henry Hogan*, Esq. was his heir, and by *Anne* his wife, daughter of Sir *Henry Wodehouse* of *Waxham*, had *Robert*, who died a minor in the 10th of *James I.* and being near his full age, at the instigation of his mother, then the wife of Sir *Julius Caesar* of *Bennington* in *Hertfordshire*, levied a fine of certain lands to her use, &c.

*Mary Hogan*, widow of *Thomas*, who presented in 1678, was daughter of ——— *Brograve* of ———.

Her son, *Thomas Hogan*, Esq. was lord in 1716, and by ——— his wife, daughter of *Matthew Heliot*, Gent. of *Litcham*, had *Thomas*, his son and heir, a lunatick, living in 1760.

#### ROUS'S MANOR

Was part of the Lord *Bardolph's* manor of *Litcham* which extended into this town, (of which see in *Litcham*), and *East Lexham*, and was held by *Richard Rouse* in the reign of *Henry III.* and by *Alan*

his son, in the 15th of *Edward I.* who with *Jordan Foliet* claimed a moiety of a weekly mercate on *Saturday*, with the *Arsicks*, who had the other moiety.

From the *Rous's* it came to the *Lexhams*, and after to the *Mundefords*, by marriage of the heiress of *De Lechesham* or *Lexham*, and the heirs of *Osbert Mundford* were found in the 4th of *Henry IV.* to hold the manor of *Rous* in *Dunham*, and *East Lexham*, by half a fee.

*William de Rothing*, who had a lordship in *Wellingham* of the lord *Baynard's* fee, had also a lordship belonging to the same fee in this town, and claimed, in the 15th of *Edward I.* a weekly mercate in *Dunham Magna* on *Wednesday*, and a fair yearly on the vigil, the day, and day after *St. Margaret*.

The Earl *Warren's* manor or honour of *Gressinghale* extended also into this town. *Wimerus*, lord of *Gressenhale*, gave the patronage of the church to *Castleacre* priory: this was after held by the *Stutvoiles*, *Foliot's*, *Hastings*, &c.

At the survey, *Ralph de Tony* had one socman, who held 30 acres and a half of land under *Herald* in King *Edward's* time, with four borderers and one carucate; this was valued under his capital manor of *Necton*.<sup>3</sup>

It was part of *Sparham-Hall* in *Necton*, and was called *Corbet's* or *Churchman's* manor, and held by Sir *John le Briton* in the 3d of *Edward I.* and by *Ralph Churchman*, in *Richard the Second's* time, and after by the *Cockets*, in the 1st of *Edward VI.* In 1633, *Henry Beke* purchased it of *Osbert Prat*, and *Jeremy Beke*, his son enjoyed it.

The temporalities of *Castleacre* priory were in 1428, 4s. 4d.—*West-acre* 12d.—*Langley* priory 4s. 2d.—*Walsingham* priory 8d.

In the 3d of *Elizabeth*, September 15, lands called *Walsingham Acre*, and *Walsingham*, two acres in the tenure of *Henry Rust*, were granted to Sir *Edward Warner*, and *Ralph Shelton*, with lands belonging to *Langley* abbey in the tenure of *Thomas Wingfield*.

In the 5th and 6th of *Philip* and *Mary*, Sir *George Howard*, Knt. had a grant of 21 acres of land in this town, and *East Lexham*, with liberty of a foldage in the tenure of Sir *Nicholas L'Estrange*, lately belonging to *Magdalen* chapel in *Gaywood* by *Lynn*.

*Richard Fitz Alan* Earl of *Arundel* gave lands to that chapel or hospital, in the reign of *Edward I.* in this town and *East Lexham*, and Sir *Eudo Arsick* gave them lands and a foldcourse for 250 sheep, and *Alice* his wife also lands.

The tenths were 7l. 18s.—Deduct 1l.

From ancient writings it appears that there were two churches in this town, that of *St. Mary*, and *St. Andrew*, and institutions into both, to the year 1491, as will appear.

*Wimer*, lord of *Gressenhale*, dapifer to the first Earl *Warren*, is said to have given to the priory of *Castleacre* the church of *Dunham Magna*; <sup>4</sup> but it is not expressed which church, probably that of *St. Andrew*, *Hervey Canis* giving to the said priory the church of *St. Mary* of *Dunham Magna*, with the advowson, and confirmed to the said priory all the donations of his predecessors, and 5 acres at

<sup>3</sup> Tra Radulfi de Toenio. — In Dunham ii soc. Heroldi xxx ac. et dim. tre. T.R.E. semp. bor. iiii sep. car. et hoc c<sup>o</sup> in p<sup>o</sup>tio de Necketuna.

<sup>4</sup> Regist. Castleac.



*Racheness*, with part of his meadow at *Sudacre*, near to their court from the outward ditch, which joins to the meadow of the monks, straightways to the great water *s. d.* and *Eudo de Arnick*, with the consent of *Alice* his wife, confirmed this gift of *Hervey*, father of *Alice*.

Sometimes this church of *St. Mary* is called a chapel, and *Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich*, in *Henry* the First's reign, is said to have confirmed the church of *Dunham*, with the chapel of *St. Mary*, to the aforesaid priory, and *John de Oxford* Bishop of *Norwich*, in *Henry* the Second's time, confirmed also the churches of *St. Andrew* and *St. Mary*: the said Bishop instituted *Gervase de Norwich*, clerk, into the church of *St. Mary Dunham mercate*, at the presentation of the prior and convent of *Castleacre*; and after, at the request of the said *Gervase*, rector, the said Bishop received *Roger Clerk* into the vicarage, paying yearly to *Gervase* 5 marks, and answering for the said *Gervase* to the Bishop, and his ministers, by which it seems that a rector in that age had a power to nominate a titular vicar for his time to take care under him of the cure, with the consent of the Bishop.

*Thomas de Blundevile*, Bishop, in his first year instituted *Edmund de Walpole*, clerk, to the church of *St. Mary*, on the presentation of the prior, &c. and *Jordan* occurs rector in *Henry* the Third's time.

These two churches of *St. Andrew* and *St. Mary* were standing probably in 1518, though in the institution books of *Norwich*, mention is made only of *St. Mary*, into which the rectors were instituted then, and that only appears to be valued in the King's Books.

In 1522, sentence was given for the right of the rector of the churches of *St. Mary* and *St. Andrew* of *Dunham Magna* to take tithes of 13 acres of land, called *Pentons*, on *February* 6.

The ancient valor of the rectory of *Dunham St. Mary* was 12 marks and paid *Peter-pence* 5*d. ob.*; the prior of *Sporle* had a pension out of it of 13*s. 4d.* In the 15th of *Henry VI.* *Joan*, Queen Dowager of *England*, wife of *King Henry IV.* died seized of it, being an alien priory dissolved.

*Simon* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed to the priory of *Castleacre* the tithe of 33 acres about 1260.

The present valor is 12*l.* 1*s.* 10*d. ob.*

## RECTORS

1310, *John de Wygenhale*, rector, presented by the prior, &c. of *Castleacre*.

1324, *Simon de Caly*. Ditto.

1349, *Humphrey Byrinob*. Ditto.

*William* occurs rector, 1371.

*John Philip* died rector 1397.

1397, *nemo occurrit*.

1418, *Mr. Maur. Tourney*. Ditto

1418, *John Burr*. Ditto.

1423, *Gilbert Bocher*.

1438, *Geffrey Brown*. Ditto.

1482, *Edmund Herbord*. Ditto.

1505, *Thomas Chanon*. Ditto.

1501, *Geffrey Brown*. Ditto.

1518, *Hugh Drier*, Decret. Bacc. presented by the prior, &c.

1525, *Richard Partriche*. Ditto.

1533, A presentation, but no name,

1554, *William Kegall*, alias *London*, by *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*.

On the dissolution of religious houses, *Thomas*, prior of *Castleacre*, conveyed the patronage by fine, to King *Henry VIII.* in his 29th year; and, on *December 22*, in the said year, the King granted it to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*.

1559, *Richard Garnet*, by the Duke.

1562, *Thomas Sadler*. Ditto.

1566, *Edmund Golding*, by *Nicholas Mynne*, Esq.

1572, *Richard Bracell*, by *Andrew Clerk* and *Christian* his wife.

1577, *Solomon Smith*. Ditto.

1580, *Edward Grenewood*. Ditto.

1591, *Cuthbert Norris*, by *Tho. Mighte*, Gent.

1599, *Cuthbert Norris*, S. T. P. by *Henry Bastard*, Gent. of *Dunham*.

1599, *Samuel Gardiner*, S. T. B. Ditto.

1616, *John Beacon*, S. T. B. by *Cuth. Norris*, assignee of *H. Bastard*.

1635, *John Dixe*, by *Thomas Dixe*.

1660, *John Benton*, by *Mary Hogan*, widow.

1679, *Richard Ransom*. Ditto.

1694, *John Wightman*.

1721, *Ambrose Pimlow*, by *Thomas Hogan*, Esq.

1752, *John Arnham*, by the lord chancellor, (as guardian to *Thomas Hogan*, Esq. a lunatick,) on *Pimlow's* death, and now rector.

In the parlour of *Dunham-hall* were the following arms formerly, in the glass;—*Wingfield* impaling *Bovil*; *Wingfield* and *Bovile*, quarterly, impaling *Glanville*; *Wingfield* impaling *Fitz-Lewis*, sable, a chevron between three prefoils slipped, argent; *Wingfield* impaling *Townsend*; *Waldgrave*, per pale, argent and gules, a roundel counter-changed, and *Bacon*, gules, on a chief, argent, two mullets, sable; *Waldgrave* and *Athow*, sable, a chevron between three carpenter's squares, sable; *Athow* and *Curson*, ermin, a bend, comboy, sable and argent; *Dorward*, ermin, on a chevron, sable three crescents, or, impaling *Coggeshall*, argent, a cross between four escallops, sable; *Fincham*, impaling argent, a lion rampant, azure, *Stead*; Argent, a chevron between three bears heads, sable, muzzied, or, *Berry*; *Walpole*, impaling sable, three lozenges, ermin, *Shaw*, *Harsick*, and *Caly*. Vert a lion rampant, or, vulned in his shoulder, gules, *Roberts*.

In the parlour chamber, argent, three griffins heads erased, gules in a bordure, azure, of 8 towers, or; quartering ermin, on a canton gules, an owl, or, in the 2d quarter; and argent, two bars, gules, on a chief, or, a lion passant, gules, in the 3d quarter; in the 4th, vairy, argent, and gules, with an escutcheon of pretence, gules, a fess between four hands couped, or.

Also *Howard Duke of Norfolk*, quartering *Brotherton*, the Earl *Warren* and *Mowbray*.

In the hall, *Athow* impaling *Thoresby*: *Athow* and *Curson* quarterly, impaling *Senneyson*.

*Harsike*, who was lord of this town, bore or, a chief indented, sable.

*Wingfield, argent, on a bend, gules, cottised, sable, three double wings of the first.*

*Golding, gules, a chevron or, between three bezants.*

*Bastard, argent, on a bend between three lis, sable, as many boars heads coupé, or;—and Hogan, argent, a chevron vair, or and gules, between three hurts, each charged with a lion's gamb erect, or.*

The CHURCH is built in a conventual form, with a tower between the nave and the chancel, which is thatched, but the nave is leaded.

In the chancel is a gravestone

*In memory of Henry Bastard, gent. lord of this manor, who died August 23, 1624, atat. 62 and 11 months, with his arms as above.*

## E L M H A M,

**C**ALLED *North Elmham*, in respect of *South Elmham* in *Suffolk*; it is seated on the north-west side of the river *Wentsum*, and also has a small brook, which running from the park, empties itself in the said river, and not the *Hier*, as some improperly term it.

In the survey, it is wrote *Elmenham*; *El*, in the *British* tongue, bespeaks water, and *Main* or *Menna*, Little; of this kind is *Elmswell* in *Suffolk*, *Elmsted* and *Elmley* in *Kent*, and *Gloucestershire*, &c.

At the survey, when the seat of the Bishop was at *Thetford*, it was found to be in the see, and was held by Bishop *Ailmar*, in the time of the Confessor, for a lordship, when there belonged to it 8 carucates of land, 41 villains, 63 borderers, 6 servi, 24 acres of meadow, 4 carucates in demean, and 16 amongst the tenants, or men, paunage for 1000 swine, 4 mills, 3 runci, &c. 300 sheep, 35 goats, and 34 socmen with a carucate of land.

*Stigand* had the soc in King *Edward's* time, and it was at the survey in the lord of *Mileham*, and there belonged to it 3 carucates, 4 acres of meadow, &c. and a mill.

*Beteley* was a beruite or small manor belonging to it, and valued with it. In this manor of *Elmham* there was then a church, endowed with 60 acres, and one carucate, valued at 5s. and 4d. *per ann.*

In King *Edward's* time the whole was 10*l.* *per ann.* at the survey 32*l.* It was one leuca long and half a leuca broad, and paid 20*d.* gelt<sup>s</sup>.

<sup>s</sup> T'ra Epi. Tedfordensis ad Episcopatu' p'tinens T. R. E.—Elmenham tenuit Ailmar. epi. T. R. E. p. man. et p. viii car. t're. mo. tenet. Ep'c. in d'no. sep. xli vill. et lxiii bor. tc. vi s. mo. iiii xxiiii ac. p'ti. sep. iiii car. in d'no. et xvi car. hom. tc. silv. m. porc. mo. d. semp. iiii mol. et iii runc.

et xxxii porc. ccc ov. xxxv. cap. et xxxiv soc. de i car. t're. Stigand. soca T. R. E. et mo. in Milham semp. iiii car. iiii ac. p'ti. silva xxx porc. i mol. —et i ecclia i'est manerio. de lx ac. et i car. et val v sol. et iiii d tnc. val. totu' x lib. post et mo. xxxii ht. i leug. in long. et dim. in lat. et redd. xxd. de gelto.

This place is supposed to have been the seat of a *flamen*, in the time of the *Romans*, and at the time of the conversions of the *East-Angles*, by *Felix*, the Bishop, was held by him (their first Bishop) by the grant of King *Sigebert*, on his death, in 647, when *Bisus*, the fourth Bishop of the *East-Angles*, about 673, divided his diocese, being too large; one Bishop was appointed to reside at *North-Elmham*, to whom the jurisdiction of *Norfolk* was assigned, and the other at *Dunwich*, with the jurisdiction of *Suffolk*.

These two sees were again united, about 870, and *Wildred*, who was then Bishop, resided at *North-Elmham*, and so remained till removed to *Thetford*, by *Herfast* the Bishop, in 1075, and thence to *Norwich*, by Bishop *Herbert*, in 1094; but the Bishops of *Norwich* after resided here in their manor-house, it being the head of his barony (as some have said) at that time.

Bishop *Turbus*, who lived in the reign of King *Stephen*, confirmed to the priory all former grants of his predecessors, with the church of this town, and the fair.<sup>6</sup>

In the 7th of *Richard I.* the sheriff of *Norfolk* paid 18*d.* per ann. to the Bishop for his liberty of *Elmham-madoc*. History of the Exchequer, p. 560.

*John de Grey*, Bishop, in King *John's* time, confirmed to them the liberty of feeding their cattle every where with his, (excepting his park,) freely not paying for their herbage, with paunage for their swine, and to dig turf for their own use.<sup>7</sup>

*Pandolf* Bishop of *Norwich*, and the Pope's legate, after he had excommunicated King *John* and his kingdom, retired here.

*William de Raleigh*, Bishop, about 1240, was impleaded with *Henry de Edlingthorp*, &c. for throwing down unjustly the dam of *Jeffrey de Hindringham*, and *Ricolda* his wife, in this town, and *Geist*, to their damage; but on proof that *Jeffrey* had made the banks of his pool too high, he was amerced in the Bishop's court here.

*Walter de Suffield*, Bishop, had a charter of free warren in this manor, in the 35th of *Henry III.* and in the 14th of *Edward I.* the Bishop of *Norwich* was found by a jury to have frank pledge, a gallows, tumbrell, soc and sac, thol and them, infangetheof and outfangetheof, return of writs, judgment of duels, trial ordeal by fire or water, goods of felons and fugitives, a coroner within his manor, liberties of all pleas and assise, to be determined by justices on the spot, to be sent to this town, and tried there, as appeared on the inquisition of the whole country, and several precedents of justices itinerant, who were sent and tried causes here are mentioned on record.

In the 11th year of *Richard II.* *Henry Spencer*, Bishop, had a license to embattle and make a castle of his manor-house, when he seems to have rebuilt it, which is now entirely demolished; the site of it was on a grand artificial hill or mount, on a rising ground, surrounded with a great and deep entrenchment, (containing about 5 acres) formerly, no doubt, full of water, to which belonged a noble demean, and a park. That it was always a place of strength, or castle, is highly probable, most of the Bishops in ancient days having castles for their seats. The inner keep was also encompassed with a deep ditch, containing

<sup>6</sup> Regist. 1 Eccles Cath. Norw. fol. 28.

<sup>7</sup> Regist. 1 fol. 32.

within it 2 acres joining south, and in the south-west part of which it stood, and had a deep well.<sup>a</sup>

In this state it continued, till on the exchange of lands between King Henry VIII. and Bishop Nix, this manor, &c. was vested in that King by act of parliament, February 4, in the 27th of his reign.

On July 14, in his 28th year, he granted it with the advowson of the vicarage, and the manor of *Betelcy*, to Thomas Lord Cromwell; and on July 14, in his 30th year, he granted them to him and his heirs general.

This Thomas Cromwell was his principal agent in dissolving the monasteries, created Lord Cromwell of Oakham in Rutland, on July 9, in the 28th year of the said King, and on April 17, in the 31st of Henry VIII. Earl of Essex, but on July 24, in the following year, was beheaded.

By a daughter (as some say) of ——— Williams, Gent. of Wales, he left Gregory, his son and heir; but Dugdale takes that to be a mistake.<sup>b</sup>

In a pedigree that I have, he is said to have married Elizabeth, a daughter and coheir of John Prior, (widow of Thomas Williams,) by Isabel his wife, daughter of Richard Lord Talbot, which John was son of Sir John Prior, by Joan his wife, daughter of Edward Grey, 2d son of Reginald Lord Grey of Ruthven, and bore for his arms, *azure*, a bend; per pale, *gules*, and *or*, in a bordure engrailed, counterchanged.

In this pedigree Thomas Earl of Essex is said to be the son of Walter Cromwell of Oakham, in Rutlandshire, from which town he took his title, (before he had the grant of the castle and manor there,) as Dugdale, &c. assert, in the 28th of Henry VIII.

Yet it appears that in the acts of parliament in the 31st of that King, chap. iii. he is called Baron of Wimbeldon (in Surry) and not of Oakham.

Gregory his son's arms, in the aforesaid pedigree, were four coats, quarterly; first, quarterly, per fess indented, *azure*, and *or*, four lions passant, counterchanged; 2d, per fess, *or* and *gules*, on a pale between two fess, *azure*, and two pelicans of the first; a pelican and lis, all counterchanged; 3d, *azure*, on a fess, between three lions rampant, a rose, *gules*, between two cornish cogs; 4th, Prior, as before, and this motto, *Faire mon devoir*.

He is said to have had a grant of the arms born by that family, from Sir Christopher Barker, about the 28th of the said King, with the crest, a pelican vulning itself proper; but his father, in all books of heraldry, appears to have borne (when Earl of Essex and Lord Cromwell) quarterly, per fess, indented, *azure*, and *or*, four lions passant, counterchanged; the motto, *Faire mon devoir*.

Gregory, his son and heir,<sup>c</sup> about 5 months after his father's death, was created a baron of England, by the title of Lord Cromwell, but not distinguished by any place, and was lord of this manor.

By Elizabeth his wife, daughter of Sir John Seymour of Wolfs-Hall

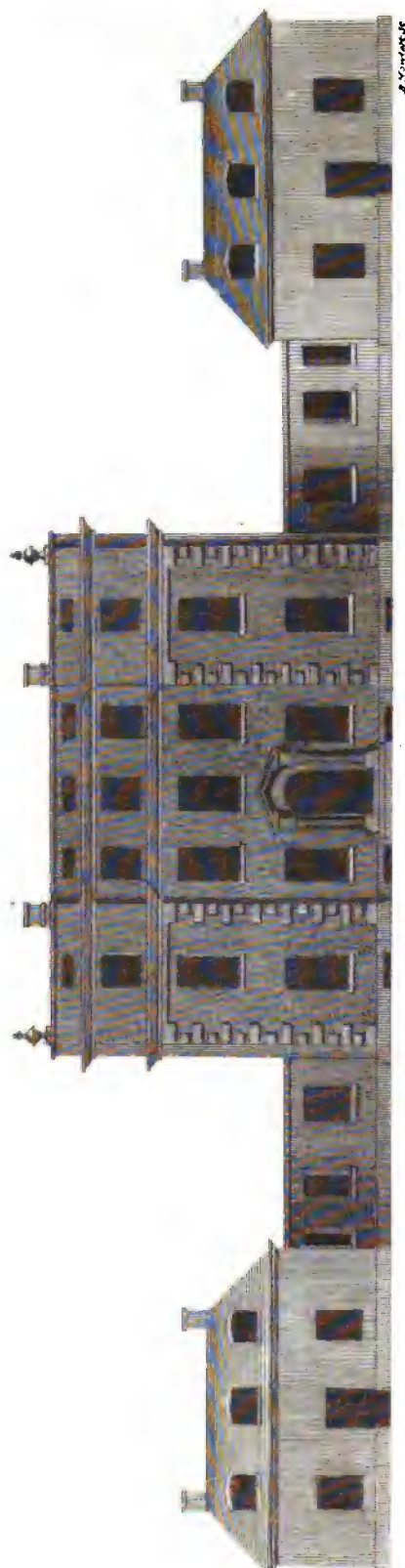
<sup>a</sup> The ruins are overgrown with thorns: heaps of stones and rubbish lie here. The entrance into this castle seems to have been on the east side, and stood

about 100 yards north of the church.

<sup>b</sup> Baronage, vol. ii. p.

<sup>c</sup> Dugd. Baron. vol. ii. 374.





Scale 5 to 10 — 10 Feet



SEAT OF RICHARD MILLES

ESQ. AT NORTH ELMHAM.

in *Wiltshire*, sister to *Edward Seymour Duke of Somerset*, and widow of *Sir Anthony Oughtred*, he left at his death, in the 5th of *Edward VI.* *Henry* his son and heir, who married *Mary*, daughter of *John Pawlet Marquis of Winchester*, and dying *November 20, 1592*, the jury, on an inquisition taken *post mortem*, find *Edward* to be his son and heir; and that *Thomas Earl of Essex*, his grandfather, by deed, dated *December 26*, in the 30th of *Henry VIII.* entailed this manor, with that of *Beteley*, &c. *Oakham*, *Clipsham*, or *Clapsham*, and *Langham*, in *Rutlandshire*, on *Gregory* his son.

*Edward Lord Cromwell* wasted (as *Sir Henry Spelman* observes) his whole inheritance, almost in *England*, and changed some that remained with the *Earl of Devonshire*; but this manor was sold by him to *Edward Coke*, Esq. afterwards lord chief justice, &c.) who was lord in the 46th of *Elizabeth*; and in the 15th of *James I.* was settled with others (as it is said) on *Frances* his daughter, married to *Sir John Villiers*, Knt. afterwards Lord Viscount *Purbeck*.<sup>2</sup>

In the year 1631, it appears to be possessed by *Sir Edward Coke*, who presented then to this church.

This *Edward Lord Cromwell* removed into *Ireland*, and was there buried, leaving *Thomas Lord Cromwell*, his son and heir, (by *Frances*) his wife, daughter of *William Rugge*, Esq. of *Felmingham*, in *Norfolk*, who was created Viscount *Lecale*, and Earl of *Ardglass* in *Ireland*.

In 1659, *John Coke*, Esq. presented to this vicarage, and at this time he was charged at 120*l.* per ann. for his park in his own hands, and for part of his estate held by *Nathaniel Ducket*, 30*l.* per ann. for that held by *John Spooner*, 90*l.* per ann. for that held by *Rose Crome* 50*l.* per ann. by *Robert Hase*, 10*l.* per ann. by *Henry Lushers* 80*l.* and *Joseph Isaac*, 10*l.* per ann.

Afterwards the estate here was mortgaged by — *Coke*, (the park excepted,) to *Hugh Audley* of the *Inner Temple*, *London*, Esq. on whose death it came with the rest of his personal estate, to his executors, *Sir Thomas Davis*, Knt. *Sir Thomas Bonfoy*, Knt. *William Harvey*, Esq. &c. and so to *Robert Harvey* of *Low Layton* in *Essex*, Esq. son of the aforesaid *William*, who presented in 1680, and *John Harvey*, Esq. in 1704.

*Richard Warner*, Esq. purchased the manor and patronage of the vicarage of the *Harveys*, and presented in 1723, and has built an agreeable new manor-house, &c. and died *June 1*, in 1757, aged 89, leaving his estate to his daughters and coheirs — *Mary*, the eldest, married *Christopher Mills*, Esq. of *Nackington* in *Kent*, and *Richard Mills*, Esq. his son and heir, the present lord and patron, and member of parliament for *Canterbury*.

### NOWERS'S MANOR

Took its name from a family, ancient lords of it, and was granted from the capital manor, by some Bishop of *Norwich*. *Milo de Noyers* (descended from *William de Noiers*,<sup>3</sup> most likely a great favourite of *William the Conqueror*) was lord about the year 1180, when the prior of *Norwich* complained that certain tithes due from his demesns, were refused to be paid to him, which *Sir Simon de Noers*, son of *Milo*,

<sup>2</sup> See in *Dunham Parva*.

<sup>3</sup> Reg. i. Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 141, &c.



had given, (viz. 2 garbs of his tithe) to the church of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, about 1190, and these tithes were ceded to the prior.

King *Henry III.* in his 51st year, gave to *Charles*, son of *Charles*, the lands of *Robert de Ireland*, in *Elmham*, his enemy.

In the 7th of *Edward II.* *Richard*, son of of *Henry de Coleburne* of *East Derham*, and *Margaret* his wife convey to Sir *William de Hackford* this manor.

Sir *William* left 2 daughters and coheirs; *Joan*, married to Sir *John Seckford*, and *Elizabeth* to *Henry de Elmham*.

In the 6th of *Edward III.* Sir *John Seckford* and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine, to *Henry de Elmham*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, lands in this town, *Calthorp* and *Bodham*, which *Margaret*, widow of Sir *William de Hackford*, held for life.

*Henry* was probably father of Sir *William Elmham*, who died in the 4th year of King *Henry IV.* and was buried in the abbey of *Bury*.

Sir *William* was accused in parliament, *ao.* 7th of *Richard II.* and condemned for having received of the King's enemies in *France*, 3400 franks of gold, for making peace with them, whilst in the army commanded by *Spencer* Bishop of *Norwich*, &c. and the King wrote to the sheriff of *Norfolk* to levy the same on the lands and goods of Sir *William*; to arrest him, and bring him before the King and council, to be imprisoned till he should satisfy him by a fine and ransom, but had after a pardon in the said year.

In the 16th of *Edward IV.* *Robert Bog* of *Worsted*, and *Elizabeth* his wife, granted by fine to *Henry Smith*, &c. the lordship of *Noers*, with a messuage, 62 acres of land, 34s. rent also the rent of 5 hens, and 15 days works in autumn, from the heirs of *Elizabeth*.

*Roger Martin*, of *Long Melford* in *Suffolk*, Esq. in the 9th of *Elizabeth*, by deed, dated *November 29*, granted to *Roger Bozoun*, of *Stud-day* in *Norfolk*, Esq. the manor and demesns of *Nowers*, alias *Hedges*, *Dunham*, *Bowers*, *Smith's*, sometime *Richard Martin's*, Esq. his great grandfather's, with the quitrents, &c. and *Roger Bozoun*, by deed, dated *June 1*, in the said year, sold it to *Richard Franklyn* of *North Elmham*, butcher.

In the 40th of the said Queen, *Edward Coke*, Esq. then Attorney General, appears to be lord of it, and so it was united to the capital manor, as it now remains.

The tenths were 7l. 10s. Deducted 13s. 4d.

In this town lived the ancient family of the *Taverners*. *Ralph le Taverner* held lands here in the year 1272, and *Waryn le Taverner*, his son, in 1300; *William le Taverner*, his youngest son, was of *Dunwich* in *Suffolk*, and had a corrody in the abbey of *Sibton*, in the 10th of *Edward II.* Sir *Nicholas* the eldest lived here, and had *John le Taverner*, living in the year 1393, and by *Cecilia* his wife, daughter of *Gelham*, had *John Taverner*, who signalized himself at the battle of *Agincourt*; and *Henry*, the eldest son, counsellor at law, who had lands here at his death, in the 6th of *Edward IV.*

*Nicholas* was his son and heir, who married *Margaret*, daughter of *Thomas Dethick* of *Wrongey*, in *Norfolk*, by whom he had *John Taverner*, and died in 1492.

*John* his son married first, *Alice*, daughter and sole heir of *Robert Silvester* of *Brisley*, Gent. from whom the *Taverners* of *Essex*, *Oxfordshire*, and *Bedfordshire*, descend.

By *Anne*, his 2d wife, daughter of ——— *Crome* of *East Bilney*, he had *Thomas*, alias *James Taverner*, and dying in 1548, was buried in *Brisley* church.

*Thomas*, alias *James* his son of *North Elmham*, married *Grace*, daughter and heir of *John Russel*, of *Wighton* in *Norfolk*, relict of *Edmund Bedingfield*, Esq. and was living in the 18th of *Elizabeth*, and had by her, *Thomas Taverner*, living in the year 1636, whose wife, *Anne*, survived him, and was living in 1659; she was then taxed to the militia rate for lands here, at 80*l.* per ann.

*Charles Taverner*, Gent. was buried here in 1683, and *Anne* his wife in 1682, and *Charles Taverner*, Gent. his son, in 1682.

Their arms were *argent*, a bend *fusillèe*, *sable*.

Here is a fair kept annually, on the annunciation of the Blessed Virgin, and the profits of it are said to have been given to the priory of *Norwich*, by *Herbert* the Bishop.

In a close, called *Broom-Close*, about half a mile or more from the town, lying on the west side of the road from *Elmham* to *Beteley*, of a dry sandy or gravelly soil, on a rising ground, a river running in the valley, have been found many urns of a coarse earth, the work rough and uneven, but generally well burnt, some of them indented and some plain, some of a blue, and some of a yellow colour, without any covers; the size various, some holding a quart, some two or three quarts or a gallon, very tender, (as most urns are,) when first exposed to the air; some are found very near the surface of the earth, others two or three spit deep, containing many small pieces of bones, turned black with burning, others full of ashes, with some pieces of coarse glass run, and sticking to the bones, and in the ashes; some with pieces of brass melted, and unmelted, also with pieces of iron, so decayed with rust, that their figure or use does not appear; some with small knives eat up with rust, also with small pincers or nippers, commonly of brass, perfect and good, which demonstrates the great antiquity of the place.

A penknife found in one about 4 inches and an half long, with a wrought handle. A bodkin of the same size. A dagger about one foot long, with a wrought handle, hilt and bar, found in a ditch. A green glass in form of a cone, about 4 inches long, and three inches diameter at the bottom, and one at the top, probably a lacrymatory, found in an urn.

In *February*, 1711, some labourers repairing the fence on the south side of this close, or in raising a new ditch, dug up about 30 urns, but found little valuable or curious in them, only ashes and dust; this moved other persons to make further trial, who found several near to one another.

One person employed in the search is said to have taken up about 120, yet the compass of the ground that was thus turned up did not exceed a rood of ground; some coins however have been found here.

In a piece of ground, about two furlongs south of the town, in the road to *East Derham*, (where old wells and foundations of houses are to be seen,) a countryman digging to sow carrots, about 60 years past, is said to have dug up the quantity of a pint and an half.

These silverones (as I take it) were found in this last mentioned place: *VERPATIANVS. AVG.* the reverse the image of the goddess *Peace*, seated, with an olive branch in her right hand.

CÆSAR. DIVI. F. DOMITIANVS. COSS. VIII. The reverse, PRINCEPS. JUVENTVTIS.

DIVA FAVSTINA. Reverse, standing as a goddess with a wand in her right hand.

LVCILLA. AVGVSTA. ANTONINI. AVGVSTI. FILIA. Reverse, CONCORDIA. seated.

G.

CONSTANTIVS. NOB. CÆSAR. Reverse, Roman trophies between two soldiers, GLORIA. EXERCITVS. This is of brass.

Here was also found a silver Roman ring, the impress, an eagle with a thunderbolt in his beak.

These coins prove this to have been a *Roman* station.

Dr. Plot, in his *History of Staffordshire*, observes that neither the *Saxons* or *Danes*, after their arrival into this island, ever burned their dead, whatever they might do before; \* and in his *History of Oxfordshire*, that they made their works so indistinguishable from the *Romans*, (otherwise than by the *Roman* money found under them,) that they can scarce be known asunder; so that whatever of their fortifications, called *Barrows*, abusively, have no money found near them, must be concluded (as he thinks) either *Saxon* or *Danish*, *Saxon* if square, *Danish* if round; the first called *Falknotes*, places of meeting on approach of an enemy, or the hundred meeting courts, or *Danes* raths.

But that the *Danes* did anciently burn, before they invaded *England*, appears from *Odinus*, an ancient *Danish* King, who enjoined the dead to be burned, and ordered his own domesticks to burn him when dead; and so they continued for a long time after, and it seems not to be discontinued till the time of *Charles* the Great, the Emperor, about the year 800, who converting many heathens to the Christian faith, and being styled the Most Christian King, forbade this practice, and that if any one should burn the bodies of the dead, he should be put to death for so doing.

The *Saxons* also, (after the *Danish* manner,) in *Germany*, used to burn their dead, and to erect a tumulus over their burnt ashes; and the said Emperor commanded the bodies of Christian *Saxons* to be brought to the churchyard, and not to the tumuli of the pagan *Saxons*.

Yet I am persuaded, that this practice was used at this time in *England*, and after, to the days of King *Alfred*.

It appears that here was, in the Conqueror's and King *Edward's* time, a church, well endowed with 50 acres and a carucate of land. *Herbert* Bishop of *Norwich* is said to have new built it, in the reign of King *William II.* being so enjoined by the Pope, for his simony, and appropriated the rectory of this church to the priory of *Norwich*, founded by him; and held by *Richard Warner*, Esq. of the dean and chapter of *Norwich*.

In the 3d year of the pontificate of *William de Raleigh*, the vicar's portion was settled, and a house was granted to him by the church, on the west side, with 10 acres of freehold arable land, by the consent and agreement of *Simon*, the prior, and convent of *Norwich*, with all offerings, oblations, and small tithes, and of pease and beans in the parish; also all the tithes as well great as small, issuing out of 500

\* P. 305, Hist. Staffords. & Hist. Ox. Antiq. Danic. cap. ii. p. 273, 298, cap. Staffords. p. 431. Bartholinus a Barthol. iii. p. 299.

acres of land ploughed, and from the freehold which the prior and convent held in demean, at the time of the taxation of the vicarage; also all the great and small tithes issuing out of 9 acres of arable land in divers pieces, with all the tithe of hay, turf, and the mills.<sup>5</sup>

A dispute arising in 1277, between the prior and convent who had the rectory, and *Robert*, then vicar, concerning the repair of the chancel, and the ornaments thereof, as well within as without, it was determined by *William* Bishop of *Norwich*, that considering how amply it was endowed, it should be repaired by the vicar: dated at *Thorp* by *Norwich*, the 11th of *October*, 1277.

The appropriated rectory was taxed at 30 marks before the Dissolution, and the vicarage at 15 marks, and was not visited by the arch-deacon, &c. being then the Bishop's manor.

The present valor of the vicarage is 13*l.* 14*s.* 11*d.*

## VICARS.

*Robert* occurs vicar in 1277.

1305, *Walter de Bluckolvestre* collated to the vicarage, by the Bishop of *Norwich*.

1311, *Richard de Aylsham*. Ditto.

1312, *John de Stanhow*. Ditto.

1328, *Richard de Keneshale*. Ditto.

1344, *Edmund de Chevele*. Ditto.

*John de Cressingham vel Frettenham*, vicar.

1354, *Roger de Felthorp*. Ditto.

1355, *Oliver Wytton*. Ditto.

1356, *Allen Attegar*. Ditto.

*Thomas Wentebryg*, vicar.

1358, *Robert Percy*. Ditto.

1361, *George de Howden*. Ditto.

*Henry de Dunston*, vicar.

1367, *Richard de Blithe*. Ditto.

1410, *John Curteys*. Ditto.

1412, *Walter Eston*. Ditto.

*John* in the *Meadow* occurs vicar in the 8th of *Henry V.*

1427, *William Malton*. Ditto.

1447, *John Boole*, or *Bull*.

1449, *Symon Cozyn*. Ditto.

1489, *Hugh Kesteen*. Ditto.

1502, *Richard Cooper*. Ditto.

1523, *Richard Sylvestre*. Ditto.

1541, *John Peche*, by *James Underwood*, by a grant of the next presentation from the Bishop.

1549, *John Fysher*, by *Richard Fulmerston*, Esq. assignee of *William* Bishop of *Norwich*.

*Edmund Denny*, vicar.

1585, *Thomas Smith*, by *Henry Lord Cromwell*.

1631, *Nathaniel Duckett*, by *Sir Edward Coke*.

1659, *William Wells*, by *John Coke*, Esq.

<sup>5</sup> Regist. Eccles. Cath. Norw. i fol. 223.

1680, *John Read*, by *Robert Harvey*, Esq.

1704, *Thomas Newson*, by *John Harvey*, Esq.

1723, *James Athill* by *Richard Warner*, Esq.

1741, *Thomas Gregory*, by *Richard Warner*, Esq. the present vicar.

The CHURCH is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin *Mary*.

Here was a church built new, (as I have observed,) by Bishop *Herbert*, but the present does not appear to be of that antiquity: it is a large regular pile, consisting of a middle, north and south isle, supported by 6 pillars on each side, forming 7 arches on each side, with a chancel, all covered with lead.

On the belfry are the arms of *Richard Warner*, Esq. *Warner* and *Whitehall*, quarterly, impaling *Hastings* and *Lomb*.

At the west end stands a lofty four-square tower, with a shaft or small spire covered with lead, with 5 bells and a clock.

In this church were the guilds of *St. Mary*, *Corpus Christi*, and *St. James*.

On the pannels of the chancel door have been painted the four doctors of the church; *St. Augustine*, *St. Gregory*, *Ambrose*, and *Jerome*, and

*Orate p. a'rab; Robi Pynning et Margarete uxor. sue et omniu' benefactor. ej; qui hoc opus pingi fecerunt.*

On the pavement are gravestones,

*In memory of Edward Harvey and Phillippa his wife: he died in 1685, aged 48, she in 1704, aged 64.*

One

*In memory of Amy, wife of John Spooner, who died 1677, aged 72.*

*Hic jacet Tho. Smith, pastor hujus ecclesie, qui obt. 7 Sept. 1631.*

*John Read, vicar, obt. March 11, 1703.*

*Hic jacet Gul. Turner legis peritus, vir invicti laboris et industriae, certavit enim cum loquentis lingua, scribentis manu, et ex utroque am-  
plissimum cepit fructum, favente numine mirum in modum ditatus obt.  
13. id. Jan. æt. 45, abi lector et discere Deum omnia rendere labo-  
ribus.*

*In memory of Charles Turner, senior, gent. and Elizabeth his wife: he died 1681, aged 83, she in 1683, aged 79.*

In the the east window, the arms of Bishop *Spencer* and Sir *Edmond Coke*.

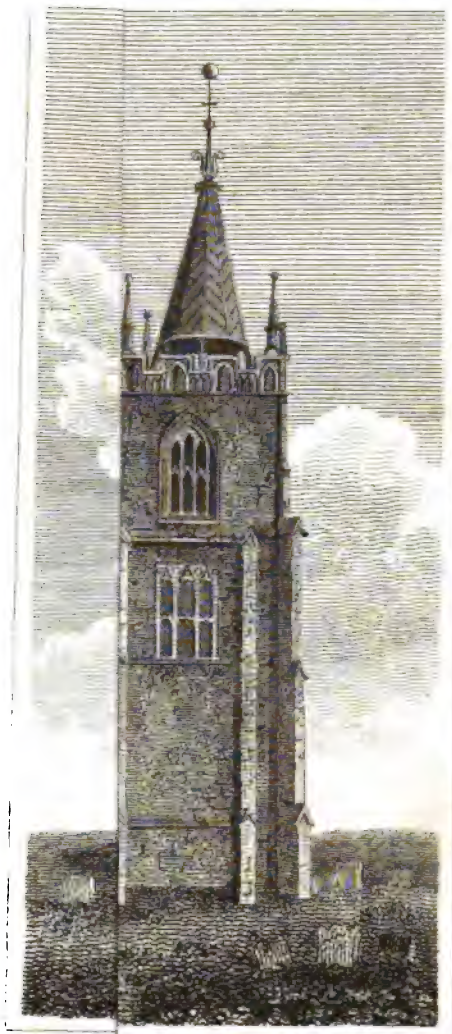
In the vestry, or chapel, on the south side, a gravestone with the arms of *Taverner*.

*In memory of Anne, daughter of Charles Taverner, gent. and wife of William Harvey, gent. lineally descended from the antient family of the Taverners of North Elmham, who died March 15, 1712, aged 32.*

On a grey marble,

*Orate p. a'ra. Johan. Fyttcher, cuj. &c.*

In the east window the arms of the priory, now the deanery of *Norwich*, argent, a cross sable; also a gravestone



*J. Bowdler del. 1822*

north.

*This TOWER HARBOR, where*

*the Spire 119 Feet*



*In memory of Barthol. Snetting, senior, gent. who died January 12, 1682, aged 61.*

At the east end of the south isle hangs an achievement, *crmine*, on a cross, *sable*, 5 martlets, *or*,—*Feysie*, impaling gyrony of eight, *or* and *sable*, on a chief of the 2d, two leopards faces of the first, *Crowe*.

The height of the tower, with its lantern and weather-cock, is 119 feet, length of the church, 157 feet; breadth from out to out, 66 feet.

*Simon Dethick*, of *North Elmham*, Gent. by his will, dated *January 10, 1542*, gives legacies to his sons, *Richard*, *Thomas* and *Christopher*, and his daughter by *Rose* his wife, and had lands here, in *Beteley*, *Bittering*, *East Derham* and *How*, and was buried in the chapel of *St. James* in this church.\*

## FRANSHAM MAGNA,

Called *Fraudesham* in *Domesday Book*, and was then the lordship of *William Earl Warren*. In *King Edward's* reign it was held by eleven freemen, of whom the predecessor of *Fedric* had the protection only, and afterwards *Fedric* was lord, who was ejected, and *Gilbert* then held it under *William Earl Warren*; there was one carucate and an half of land, 4 villains and 8 borderers, two servi, and 4 acres of meadow with 3 carucates, &c. one mill, &c. valued at 30 shillings.<sup>7</sup>

*Frau*, in the *British* tongue, is *Auor lenis*, a gentle run of water; hence *Franston* and *Framesden* in *Suffolk*, *Frenge*, *Norfolk*, *Frekenham*, &c.

*Gislebert* or *Gilbert*, abovementioned, seems to be the ancestor of the ancient family of *Fransham*, lords of this town.

In the 10th year of *King Richard I.* a fine appears to be levied between *Hervey*, son of *Juliana*, petent, and *Agnes de Fransham* tenant, of one carucate of land here, conveyed to *Hervey*; and in the 19th of *Henry III.* *Phillip*, son of *Odo de Fransham*, conveyed by fine, levied in the King's court at *Tatteshale*, on *Saturday* next after the feast of *St. Andrew*, before *Thomas de Muleton*, *Robert de Lexington*, *Oliver de Vaux*, &c. the King's justices, lands to *Ralph*, prior of *Castlecure*, in this village; and Sir *Gilbert de Fransham*, *Knt.* confirmed by deed, *sans* date, to the said priory, all the lands and tenements which they had of the gift of *Thomas*, son of *Reginald de Fransham*.

*Jeffrey de Fransham* appears to have an interest here in the 34th of *Henry III.* and on a fine levied in the 52d of that King, on the foundation of *Wendling* abbey, *Gilbert de Fransham* was then lord, and

\* *Regist. Cook Norw.* p. 445.

<sup>7</sup> *T're Willu de Warrenu*—In *Fraudesham* tenuit. T. R. E. ii libi. ho'es de quib; antec. *Fedrici* habuit com'd. tantu, p. *Fedricus*, mo. ht. W. et *Gislebertus* de eo, i car. et dim. terre. scmp.

iiii villi. et viii bord. &c. ii serv. et liii ac. p'ti. scmp. liii car. silv. lx porc. ta. i molin. mo. i et dim. scmp. val. xxx sol.

\* *Frau*, the name of a river in Wales.

<sup>9</sup> *Regist. Castlec.* fol. 110.



gave his consent to the settling of lands belonging to his fee, and also was present, it being expressly said,

*Et hæc concordia facta p'sente Gilberto de Fransham capitali domino, partis feodi, et illum pro se et heredibus concedente.*<sup>1</sup>

This *Gilbert* married *Beatrix*, daughter of ———, afterwards married to *Roger Gulafre*.

On the inquisitions taken in the 3d of *Edward I.* Sir *William de Fransham* was found to be lord, and to have the assise of bread and beer, and that he paid to the sheriff of *Norfolk*, for a peace of arable land (*pro cultura*) called *Pilewood* 12d. *per ann.* quitrent, due from the conquest.

This *William* was the King's sub-escheator in the 20th of the said King, and a knight; and in his 32d year he settled by fine, this lordship on *Jeffrey de Fransham* his son, (as I take it,) and *Jeffrey* dying sans issue, was succeeded by his brother, *Gilbert*; for in the year 1323, *Gilbert*, son of Sir *William de Fransham*, presented to the rectory of this church.

In the year 1349, *Gilbert de Fransham*, probably son of *Gilbert*, presented, and *Agnes de Fransham*, widow of *Gilbert*, in 1388, which *Agnes* was buried, according to her will, dated *April 24, 1404*, in this church, her son, *Jeffrey de Fransham*, Esq. lord of this town, and his wife, *Joan*, being mentioned therein.

This *Jeffrey* died without issue in 1414; and his 5 sisters and coheirs were *Alianore*, *Alice*, *Agnes Beatrix*, and *Agatha*; and on *Alianore*, *Agnes*, and *Beatrix*, and their issue, this lordship was settled; *Alice* and *Agatha* having their shares of the inheritance in *Scarning* and *Dillington*.

*Joan*, widow of *Jeffrey*, was living in 1422, and then gave to the *Austine-friars* of *Norwich*, 100 marks; her grandson, *Thomas Sharington*, being then a friar there.

### OLDHALL'S MANOR.

*Alianore*, the first sister and coheir, married ———, and had *Joan*, her first daughter and coheir, married to ——— *Tymworth*; and *Agnes*, 2d sister, married to *Ed. Swathing*; *Alice*, 2d sister and coheir, married to Sir *Edmund Oldhall*, Knt. father of Sir *William Oldhall*, who presented to this church in 1446.

In the 23d of *Henry VI.* a fine was levied, wherein *John Tymworth* of *Tymworth* in *Lincolnshire*, and *Catharine* his wife conveyed their right in this manor, and in *Skerning* and *Dillington*, and the advowson to Sir *William*, then held of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

Of the *Oldhalls* see also in *East Derham*, who died lord in 1451, and *Henry* his son in the 8th year of *Henry VIII.* leaving *Edward* his son aged 18.

After this it came to *Walter Gorges*, Esq. of *Wroxhall* in *Somersetshire*, son of Sir *Theobald Gorges*, by the marriage of *Mary*, daughter and heir of Sir *William Olahall*, by *Mary* his wife, daughter of *William Lord Willoughby of Eresby*; and *Edmund Gorges*, son and heir of *Walter*, was in the custody of Sir *John Howard*, Knt. on the death of

<sup>1</sup> Regist. Waltham Abb. fol. 119.

his father, *Walter*, in the 6th of *Edward IV.*; he was afterwards a Knt. and married a daughter of the said Sir *John*, by whom he had *Edward Gorges*, Esq. his son and heir.

In *Easter term*, in the 15th of *Henry VII.* Sir *Edmund Gorges*, Knt. and *Edward* his son, conveyed it by fine to *Humphrey Conynsby*, Esq. serjeant at law, *Thomas Frowick*, &c.

By an inquisition taken *November 8*, in the 7th of *Henry VIII.* Sir *William Capel*, Knt. was found to die seized of it, on *September 6*, last past, with the advowson of the church, and Sir *Gyles* was his son and heir, aged 30.

In this family it remains, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Essex* being the present lord.

### SWATHING'S MANOR.

*Agnes*, third sister and coheir of *Jeffrey de Fransham*, married *Edmund de Swathing*, and had *William de Swathing*, whose son, *Edmund*, having a daughter and heir, *Elizabeth*, brought this part or share by marriage, to *Henry Sharington*, whose son *Thomas* held it in 1497; and *Thomas* was then found, on his death, to be his son and heir.

This *Thomas Sharington*, Esq. of *Cranworth*, settled it on Sir *Robert Lovell*, Sir *John Audley*, Sir *John Timperley*, Sir *William Pyrton*, Knights, &c. trustees, by his will, dated *October 15, 1519*, till his debts, &c. were paid, then to come to his son *William* and his heirs; but the said *William* and *Ursula* his wife, conveyed it with their right in the advowson, to *Robert Hogan*, Esq. in the 23d of *Henry VIII.* by fine; but it appears that *Edward Mynne* of *Fransham Parva*,<sup>2</sup> gave, by his will, dated *March 21, 1542*, to *Nicholas* his son, his part of the manor of *Fransham Magna*, which he bought of *Thomas Sharington* and his son, *William Sharington*, Esq. and *Henry Mynne* was found to die seized of this manor and advowson, *January 25, 1565*, and *Nicholas* was his son and heir, by *Christiana* his wife, daughter of ——— *Mahew*.

### CURD'S OR CRUDD'S-HALL MANOR.

*Beatrice*, the fourth sister and coheir, married ——— *Pesonhale*, and had *Jeffrey Pesonhale*, her son and heir, who held her 3d part or share of this manor, in 1446; and in the 34th of *Henry VI.* *Sibilla Boys*, *William Calthorp*, Esq. &c. remitted, as trustees for this manor, all their right in the lands, tenements, and services, which they lately had of the demise of Sir *Roger Harsyk*, *Nicholas Bokking*, with *John Crudde*.

*John Crudde*, lord of it, was buried in this church in 1489, father, as I take it, of *Nicholas Curdede*, of *Mekye-Fransham*, as he styles himself in his will, in 1505,<sup>2</sup> and desires to be buried in the church, and bequeaths to *Katherine* his wife, his trede part of the manor of *Fransham*.

In the 10th of *Henry VIII.* *John Curde* conveyed to *Robert Blagge*,

<sup>1</sup> Reg. Cook, Norw. p. 45.

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Rix, Nor. fol. 200.

one of the barons of the Exchequer, this manor, with 30 messuages, 192 acres of land, also 30 messuages, 920 acres of land, in *Fransham Magna* and *Parva*, *Dunham Parva*, *Skerning*, *Beceton*, &c. and the advowson of this church.

The *Curds* descend probably from *Jeffrey*, son of *Henry Crudde* of *Rougham*, who was living in the time of *Henry III.*

But before this part came to the *Curds*, it seems to be in the hands of *Thomas Gent*, and *Thomas Brown*, who presented to the church in 1488, as lords of the 3d part of the manor of *Fransham*, as appears from the institution books.

About the reign of King *Charles I.* *Isaac Harnet* of *Colchester* in *Essex*, Esq. (brother to *Samuel* Archbishop of *York*) was lord: he married *Agnes*, daughter of ——— *Bruckham*, of *Wytham* in *Essex*, by whom he had *Samuel* his son, who was sole executor to the Archbishop, and married *Alisanor*, daughter of *Thomas Cotton*, of *Stirton* in *Norfolk*, Esq. by whom he had several children; *Samuel*, who was a lunatick, and 5 daughters; *Barbara*, the eldest, married to *Edward Fisher*, Gent. of *Norfolk*; *Eleanor*, the 2d, *William Marsham*, of *Stratton Strawless* in *Norfolk*, and afterwards to *Sir Robert Drury*, Bart. of *Ridlesworth* in *Norfolk*, who was killed in the great hurricane in 1703, dying without issue, &c. This *Samuel* lived at *Curd's-Hall*.

*John Bekham*, Gent. was lord of it, and dying unmarried, it was sold according to his will, to *William Nelson*, Gent. of *Dunham Parva*, in 17 --, who is the present lord of it.

The lordship of *Gressinghale* extended into this village, as did the lordship of *Swanton Morley*.

The tenths of 5*l.* 10*s.* Deducted 10*s.*

In 1659, the feoffees of the lands belonging to the town of *Necton*, lying here, were charged in a militia rate at 40*l.* per ann.

The temporalities of the priory of *Pentney*, in 1428, were taxed at 8*s.*

In the 6th of *Elizabeth* these lands were granted September 18, to *William Gryce* and *Anthony Forster*, then in the tenure of *G. Clements*.

The temporalities of *Westacre* priory were 7*s.*; of *Wendling* abbey, 22*s.*; of *Croke* abbey, 10*d.*; of *Castleacre* priory, 15*s.* per ann.

The CHURCH is dedicated to *All Saints*. The ancient valor was 16 marks, and paid *Peter-pence*, 5*d.* ob.

*Sir Gilbert de Fransham* gave two parts of the tithes of his demeans here, and in *Scarning*, to *Castleacre* priory, which was confirmed by *Symon (de Wanton)* Bishop of *Norwich*, in the reign of *Henry III.*

The present valor is 7*l.* 16*s.* and 9*d.* ob. and pays first fruits and tenths.

## RECTORS.

*Alexander* occurs rector, *suns* date.

*Hugh*, rector, ao. 14th *Edward I.*

*John*, son of *Roger de Fransham*, the Pope's chaplain or clerk, in the 6th of *Edward I.* presented, as I take it, by the Pope.

1328, *Alexander de Fransham*, presented by *Gilbert de Fransham*, son of *Sir William de Fransham*.

1327, *John de Feryng*, by ditto.

1334, *Thomas de North Pickenham*, by *Gilbert de Fransham*.

1349, *Ralph de Benton*, by *ditto*.

*Simon Fincham* died rector, 1388.

1388, *Edmund Reeve*, by *Agnes*, widow of *Gilbert de Fransham*, on whose death, *Adam*, a priest of *London*, succeeded, at the presentation of the attornies of *Sir William Oldhall*, in the vacancy of the see of *Norwich*, before *Bishop Lyher's* time, (the right being in *Joan Timworth*, eldest daughter of *Alanore*, the first sister and coheir of *Jeffrey de Fransham*,) *Sir William* being then abroad in the King's wars: *Adam* enjoyed it but a short time, *Sir William*, on his return, not content with this presentation of his attornies, presented *Edmund Oldhall* an *Adam's* resignation; *Sir William* usurping this turn, on the right of presentation, which was in *Edmund Swathing*, son of *William*, son of *Agnes*, heir of the 2d part of this manor.

In *March*, 1446, *John Boor* succeeded

*Oldhall*, (who resigned) presented by *Sir William Oldhall*, who this turn usurped on the title of *Geffrey Pesonhale*, son of *Beatrice*, heir of the 3d part of this manor.

1448, *John Skerning*, abbot of *Wendling*, on *Boor's* resignation, presented by *Thomas Gent*, and *Thomas Brown*, lords of one part of the manor of *Fransham*.

1503, *Thomas Palmer*, by *Thomas Sharnington* of *Cranworth*, Esq.

1529, *Thomas Aspal*, by *ditto*.

1533, *Thomas Palmer*, by *Henry* and *Edward Myne*,

1552, *Henry King*, D.D.

1554, *Robert Cannard*, by *Sir Giles Capel*.

1559, *John Brightif*, by *Andrew Clerk*, Gent.

1579, *Thomas Bowman*, by *ditto*.

1608, *Robert Ward*, by *Sir Arthur Capel*: he was rector of *Mileham*, 1618, and D.D.

1623, *John Bretton*, by the assignees of *Nicholas Mynne*, Esq.; he was rector of *Gresenhale*.

1633, *Robert Booth*, by *Edmund Doyly* and *Robert Booth*, *hao vice*.

1660, *Samuel Cushing*, by *Sir Arthur Capel*, Knt.

1703, *Richard Flack*, by *Samuel Flack*, clerk.

1715, *Charles Forster*, by *Dorothy Flack*, widow.

1723, *Daniel Burslem*, the present rector, by the Earl of *Essex*.

In this church were the gilds of *St. Catharine*, *All-Saints*, *Trinity*, and *St. Ann*; the chapel of *St. Catherine's*, the chapel and light of *St. Mary's*.

At the east end of the south isle is an ancient chapel, at the entrance lies a large grey marble stone, whereon is the portraiture of a person armed cap-a-pèe, his hands conjoined and elevated, as at prayers, within a curious arch or canopy work of brass inlaid in the stone; round the verge of it runs a fillet of brass, thus inscribed,

*Hic jacet Galfridus Fransham, armiger, de Fransham, qui obiit in festo Jeronomi Doctoris, Ao. Dni. Mllo. ccccxiij; &c.*

On brass shields are his arms, per pale, indented, 6 martlets counterchaaged.

On a gravestone in the nave, the portraitures of a man and his wife, in their winding sheets, and on a plate,

*Orate p. a'īab; Johs. Crudd et Elizab. uxor. suc. qui obiit. xvii die Septemb. Ao. Dni. m.cccclxxxix, quor; a'īab; &c.*

Just under the arch of the steeple, lies also a stone with the portraiture of a woman in brass, in a winding sheet, and on a plate,

*Orate p. a'īa, Cecilia uxor. Johs. Legge, - - - - -.*

In *Rougham* and in this town, there was also another lordship besides that abovementioned, belonging to the Earl *Warren*; two carucates of land held by *Toke* in the Confessor's time, one villain, 12 borderers, &c. 3 carucates in demean, and one and an half amongst the tenants, &c. valued before the survey at 50s. *per ann.* then at 60s.

All *Fransham* is said to be 9 furlongs long, and 8 broad, and paid 10d. gelt, and *W.* (it is said) held it, that is *Wimerus*, who was lord of *Gressenhale*, and came afterwards to the *Stutoiles*. *Robert de Stutvoile*, in the 3d of *Edward I.* claimed free warren here, and passed from him to the *Foliots*, lords of *Gressenhale*, and others, as may be seen in *Rougham*; 16 freemen also belonged to this manor at the conquest, with half a carucate and 8 acres of land.

## FRANSHAM PARVA.

THIS was at the survey the lordship of *Ralph de Tony*, of whom see in *Westacre*, and was held under *Herold*, (afterwards King of *England*;) by 16 socmen, with 3 carucates of land, and 12 borderers, 6 acres of meadow; and 3 carucates &c. in King *Edward's* days, and was valued with *Necton*. *Eudo*, son of *Clema*, had one carucate of land of those three here delivered to him, which he held for life, afterwards *Ralph de Beaufoe's*, but *Tony* was in possession of it at the survey, belonging to this capital manor of *Necton*, to which it appertained in the Confessor's time.\*

*Ralph de Tony* claimed free warren in his demean lands in the 3d of *Edward I.* and in the 33d of that King, *John Le Strange* held it of *Robert de Tony*, by the service of 2s. 6 quarters of barley, and 4 quarters of oats, valued at 23s. *per ann.* and *Ralph* was found to be his brother and heir.

*Henry Le Strange* held it in the 9th of *Edward II.* and *James Le Strange* had a charter for free warren here and in *Dunham* in the 20th of *Edward III.*; the jury find, in the 5th of the said King, that it would not be to the King's detriment if he granted a mercate and a fair in this town to *Peter Le Strange*, who then held it of the *Beauchamps* Earls of *Warwick*, heirs to the *Tonys*; and in the 1st of *Richard II.*

\* Tra' Radulfi de Toenio—In Frouesham xvi soc. Heroldi T. R. E. iii car. tre. sep. xii bor. et vi ac. p'ti. &c. iii car. mo. iiii silva lx por. sep. i mol. et e. in p'tio de Neketuna. Eudo

fili. Clama. hoc habuit i car. tre. de illis iii liberationem quandiu vixit et eande' tenuit Rad. de Bellofago mo. ca'ht. Rad. de Toeni in Eketuna ubi jacuit T. R. E.

Sir *Peter* had a grant of a weekly mercate on *Thursday*, and a fair every year on the eve and the day of St. *Botolph*. Sir *Peter* was an eminent soldier; his will was made in *France*, at St. *Maloes*,<sup>5</sup> dated in the isle on *Wednesday*, after the feast of the assumption of our Lady, in 1378, and was proved *January* 11, in the said year. *Emme* his lady had a grant thereby of all his lands for life, and after to be sold, and the money to be disposed of for his soul: Sir *Robert Knolls*, and Sir *William de Hoo*, Knts. were appointed by him executors;—witnesses, Sir *Hugh Hastings*, Sir *John Lakynghyth*, Knts.<sup>6</sup>

From the family of the *Beauchamps*, who were the capital lords, it came by marriage to *Richard Nevill* Earl of *Warwick*, and on his attainder, to the Crown; and was granted by King *Henry VIII.* to Sir *Thomas Bullen*, who presented to the church in 1521, and again in 1535, being then Earl of *Wiltshire*, and father to *Anna Bullen* the Queen; but after the death of this Earl, it was possessed by *Francis Southwell*.

*Henry Mynne*, his assignee, presented in 1552, and in 1559, *George Mynne*, Gent. presented in his own right.

In 1592, *Richard Beckham* was lord and presented, and in 1610.

*Thomas Hogan*, Esq. was lord in 1710, and his son *Thomas* is the present lord 1764, and a lunatick, (see in *Dunham Magna*), but the patronage is sold from the manor, the Rev. Mr. *Barnwell* of *Milcham* being the present patron and rector.

### CANON'S MANOR.

*Westacre* priory, founded by the *Tonys*, held this of the gift of that family, their temporalities were valued in 1428, at 2*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.* in this town: on the general dissolution it was granted, in the 34th of *Henry VIII.* to *Richard Andrews*, and *Leonard Chamberlain*, *Edward Mynn* was found, in the 38th of the said reign, to die possessed of it, and *Henry* was his son and heir. *Edward Mynn* held it in the 9th and 15th of *Elizabeth*, and about the year 1600, *Edward Mynne*, being the Queen's ward, it was in his minority in the hands of ----- *Clarke*.

Here was also another lordship in this town called by the name of *Kirkham* and *Wilcox*, and was part of the Earl *Warren's* fee, or manor, in *Fransham Magna*, which extended here. *Robert de St. Thomas*, by deed *sans date*, gave to the monks of *Castleacre*, the homage and service of *Roger de Fransham Parva*, with 2*s.* rent *per ann.* out of a messuage, with 3 acres of land near the land of the prior of *Pentney*, with the homage, land, and service of *Ralph*, son of *Gilbert de Fransham*.<sup>7</sup>

A fine was levied in the 10th of *Henry VI.* between Sir *William Oldhall*, Knt. and *John Alderford* and *Alice* his wife, who conveyed to Sir *William* the manor of *Kirkham* and *Wilcox* in *Fransham Parva*, with 100 acres of land, 20 of pasture, 12 of wood, and 40*s.* rent, on his paying an annuity of 12*l.* *per ann.* for the life of *Alice*; and *William Rusteng* conveyed, in the 8th of *Edward I.* by fine, to *Alice* his daughter, wife of *Ralph de Kirkton*, messuages and lands in this town and *Fransham Parva*.

<sup>5</sup> Apud S'cu. Maiolu' in Insula.

<sup>6</sup> Regist. Heydon. Norw. fol. 159.

<sup>7</sup> Regist. Castleac.

*Walter Gorges, Esq.* held this in right of his wife, *dam hter* and heir of *Sir William Oldhall*, and his son *Edmund*, in *Edward the Fourth's* time; and passed as may be seen in *Fransham Magna*.

The temporalities of *Fakenham priory (Hempton)* in 1428 were valued at 13*s.* 10*d.* King *Henry VIII.* granted, June 28, in his 36th year, this to *William Barkoley*.

Temporalities of *Wendling abbey* 5*s.* 7*d.* ob. and those of *Thetford* canons here at 6*d.*

The tenths were 3*l.* 8*s.*—Deduct 4*s.*

The CHURCH is dedicated to *St. Mary*, and is a rectory anciently valued at 14 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 5*d.* ob. the present valor is 6*l.* 8*s.* 3*d.* ob. and pays no first-fruits and tenths.

### RECTOR.

1306, *William de Schyrewood*, rector, presented by *Sir Robert de Thony*.

1331, *William de Patryk*, by *Maud*, relict of *Sir Robert de Thony*.

1335, *Richard de Rougham*, by ditto.

1362, *John Croupus* occurs rector, buried in 1404, and out of his goods orders 2 windows to be made on the north part of the chancel.

1404, *Walter Bonde*, by *Margaret Countess of Warwick*.

1441, *James Hamelyn*, by *Richard Duke of York*.

1445, *Michael Clements*, by the feoffees of *Richard Earl of Warwick*.

1459, *William Gurre*, by ditto; he died 1482.

*Richard Cutler*, rector.

1474, *Gilbert Cooper*, by the King.

*John Shentwyn*, occurs rector about 1500, abbot of *Wendling*.

1521, *Thomas Chester*, by *Sir Thomas Bullen*.

1535, *Ralph Orrell*, by *Thomas Earl of Wiltshire*.

*Mr. Thomas Palmer*, rector.

1552, *Henry King*, S.T.P. prebend of *Norwich*, by *Henry Mynde*, assignee of *Franc. Southwell, Esq.* and *Alice* his wife.

1559, *John Brightif*, by *Geo. Mynn*, Gent.

1578, *John Spencer*, by the Queen.

1588, *Robert Lawson*, by the Queen.

1592, *William Leeds*, by *Richard Beckham*, Gent.

1603, *John Britton*, by ditto.

1610, *Edward Sheen*, by the assignees of *Richard Beckham*, sen. and *Richard Beckham*, junior.

1632, *William Sheen*.

1636, *William Swift*, by *Lake Skippon*, S.T.P.

1687, *John Hunne*, by *John Wraggs*, Gent.

1694, *Edward Cawood*, by *Charles Mawson*, Gent.

1700, *John Leach*, by *Mary Mawson*.

1743, *Charles Barnwell*, by *Gibson Neal*, Esq.

In this church were the guilds of *St. Peter*, and *St. Mary: Trinity*, and *St. Sepulchre* lights.

## G A T E L E Y

**W**AS in *Edward's* time the lordship of *Bund*, a thane or freeman, and granted by the Conqueror to *Hugh de Montfort*: there belonged to it in *Bund's* time 4 carucates of land, 23 villains, 1 servus, and 30 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and at the survey 4 carucates amongst the tenants, &c. 17 goats, and 5 socmen, with 30 acres of land, and 4 of meadow, with a carucate, &c. valued then at 4*l.* per ann.; it was half a leuca long, and broad, and paid 10*d.* gelt,<sup>9</sup> and *Ralf* held it under *Hugh*, a Norman lord, and chief justiciary of England.

*Ralph*, who held under *Hugh de Montfort*, the capital lord, was (as I take it) ancestor of the family of *De Gatele*, lords of this village. *Godfrey de Liscwys*, who lived in the reign of *Henry II.* sold lands in this town to *Herlewyn*, son of *William de Gatele*, and *Thomas*, son of *Herlewyn* of *Gatelee*, by deed *sans date* gave to the church of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich* all his land which he held *in capite* of *Robert Scales*, as well by knight's service, as in soccage, by the fifth part of a fee, paying 2*s.* ward per ann. to *Dover* castle, and 14*d.* for soccage;<sup>9</sup> and the said *Thomas*, by another deed dated at *Norwich* 1244, gave to the said church 14 acres of land, &c. in the field of *Colekyrke*. *Edmund de Gatele* is said to lord be in the 20th of *Henry III.* Sir *Ralph de Gatele*, Knt. confirmed, by deed *sans date*, to the church of the Holy Trinity of *Norwich*, all the land which *Thomas* son of *Herlewyn*, held of him, paying to him and his heirs 5*s.* 1*d.* and for common pasture in the whole village of *Gateley* one pound of pepper yearly, on the nativity of our Lord; and *Alan*, son of *William de Helgheton*, confirmed to the said church, all the land which *Thomas*, son of *Herlewin de Gatele*, held of his fee in *Gatele*, and the said Sir *Ralph* confirmed the rents granted by *William de Kirkeby* to the aforesaid church.

In the 36th of *Henry III.* the jury find that Sir *Ralph de Gatele* held this lordship *in capite*, with the advowson of the church of the castle of *Dover*, by the service of two knights fees, and that *Ralph*, was his son and heir, who then paid 10*l.* relief for all the lands he held *in capite*; he was also a knight, and sold by fine levied in the 44th of *Henry III.* to Sir *Richard de la Rokele*, two parts of this manor, held by two fees, and the reversion of the 3d part on the decease of *Agnes*, widow of Sir *Ralph*, his father, for 100*s.* *Agnes* being present in court, acknowledged that she had no other claim but by way of dower, also

<sup>9</sup> Terra Hugonis de Monteforti—Gatelea Radulfus ten. quaten. Bundo lib. ho. T. R. E. iiii car. tre. sep. xxiii vill. tc. i s. xxx ac. p'ti. sep. ii car. in d'nio. tc. et p'. vi car. hom. mo. iiii tc. silva. ccc por. mo. lxxx sep. ii r. tc. vii an. mo. v tc. xxiii por. mo. vii mo. xxviii

ov. tc. lx cap. mo. xvii et v. sochem<sup>9</sup> xxx ac. tre. et iiii ac. p'ti. sep. i car. tc. et p'. val. cx. sol. mo. iiii lib. totu<sup>9</sup> lx. dim. leug. in long. et dim. in lato et xd. de gelto.

<sup>9</sup> Reg. 1 Eccles. Cath. Norw. fol. 145.



all that which *John* the chaplain of *Gateley*, *Elizabeth de Gateley* his daughter, and what *Maud* and *Prudence* (Sir *Ralph's* sisters, who were recluses) held for life in that town, or elsewhere, performing the services due to the chief lord of the fee: but by an inquisition taken in the 3d of *Edward I.* it was found that Sir *Richard* bought it of Sir *Edmund de Gateley*.

Sir *Richard de la Rokele* was lord of *Colkirk* also, and *Maud*, the heiress of this family, brought both these lordships by marriage, in the reign of *Edward I.* to Sir *Roger Atte-Ash*, and so they descended to the *Baynards*, the *Thorps*, *Tilney*, *Bourchier*, *Knevet*, *Hare*, &c. as may be seen in *Colkirk*.

*Richard Warner*, Esq. died lord 1757.

When *Robert Baynard* died seized of it in the 4th of *Edward III.* it was found that he held it of *Isabel*, Queen Dowager of *England*, as of her manor of *Hawley* in *Suffolk*, by the service of two knights fees, and paying 20s. *per ann.* castle-guard to *Dover*; that there was a capital messuage of no value above the reparations, six score acres of arable land at 3d. *per acre*, six acres of meadow, valued at 6s. *per ann.* 3 acres of coppice wood, valued at 6 years growth at 40d. *per acre*, a windmill very ruinous at 5s. *per ann.* rent of assise payable at *Christmas*, *Easter*, and *St. Michael*, 40s. the winter works of the customary tenants valued at 20d. the price of every work an halfpenny, 15 summer works valued at 15d.; one hundred autumn works valued at 8s. 4d.; thirty days works in digging of turf or flags (*opera turbaria*) valued at 15d.; 50 hens at *Christmas* 4s. 2d. each 1d.; pleas and perquisites of court lete, valued at half a mark *per ann.*

In the 1st of *Henry VII.* this manor and lands alone were farmed at 10l. *per ann.*

*William de Lisezy's* manor of *South Rainham*,<sup>1</sup> held of the honour of *Hawley*, also extended into this town: the said *William*, with the consent of *Godfrey* his son and heir, gave to God and the monks of *Castleacre*, for the soul of his father and mother, himself, his wife and children, all the tithe of his *assart* lands, woods, and 2 acres of his demesns in *Gatele*, to erect buldings on all the tithe of the land which he gave to *Symon* the priest of *Gatele*, for which grant the monks promised to keep yearly the anniversary of his father, mother, and his own, after his decease; and *Godfrey de Lisewys* granted to *Herlewyn*, son of *William de Gatele*, for 2 marks, all the land late *Acelmod's* in *Gatele*, of his fee, paying 14d. *per ann.* for all services; he also granted to the said *Herlewyn* all his inclosed park here belonging to his fee of *Reinham*, to be held by the fourth part of a fee, on his paying of 100s. to him, and one talent to his wife; by this it appears that a talent then was under 100s. and I also find it to be under 6 marks at that time.

This fee came after to the *Scales*. *Robert*, son of Sir *Robert de Scales*, held it in 1280, and then conveyed by fine a messuage, 140 acres of land, 3s. 4d. rent here, in pure alms to *William de Kirkby*, the prior, &c. of *Norwich*, who received him into all the benefits of his church;<sup>2</sup> and their temporalities here in 1428, were valued at 3l. 12s. 4d. *per ann.* the family of *Scales* held also lands in the 6th of *Edward III.* by knight's service.

<sup>1</sup> See in *Rainham*: this was in the reign of King *Henry II.*

<sup>2</sup> Reg. Cath. Nor. i fol. 108.

*William de Beaufoe* Bishop of *Thetford* had in his own right and inheritance in this town, a small part of a fee, held under him by a freeman, viz. 6 acres, valued at 6*d.* per ann. and was in King *Edward's* time possessed by *Bonde*, a freeman, the predecessor of *Hugh de Montfort*: *Erfast* Bishop of *Norwich* had invaded or seized on this, and *Beaufoe* thereupon kept it, but the soc was in *Mileham*.<sup>3</sup>

This was afterwards given by Bishop *Beaufoe* to the see, for ever, and so became a part of the manor of *Colkirk*, which belonged also to this bishoprick.

*Peter de Valoins* had also a small fee in this town held under him by *Ralph*, consisting of 2 socmen, with 34 acres of land: the predecessor of *Hugh de Montfort* had the soc of one, or right of foldage or sheep walk, and protection, but the soc of the other was in the King's lordship of *Muleham*: *Peter* had livery of these socmen, and 2 acres and an half of meadow belonged to it, valued in all at 20*s.*<sup>4</sup>

This *Ralph* abovementioned was ancestor of the family of *de Gateley*, as I have above observed, and his posterity enjoying it, it was united to his capital lordship. It appears that *William de Breton*, who was lord of *Pattesley*, a neighbouring village, and *Roger de Breton*, &c. were trustees, and settled this manor on *Lucia*, daughter and heir of Sir *Roger Atte-Ashe* (married to *Robert Baynard*) in the reign of *Edward II.* from whom it came to the *Thorps*, &c.

In ancient writings I find a place called *Colynesmapp*, or *Tollesnape*, said to be in this parish.

The tenths were 2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*—Deduct 3*s.* 4*d.*—Rem. 2*l.* 10*s.*

The temporalities of *Petreston* priory in 1428, 2*s.*; *Langley* abbey 4*s.*; *Westacre* priory 11*s.*; *Castleacre* priory 2*s.*

Sir *Richard de la Rokele* gave to that priory 5 acres of land at the request of his master, *William de Heliona*.

Sir *Ralph de Gateley*, son of Sir *Ralph de Gateley*, Knt. granted, as lord and patron, to *William*, abbot of *St. Mary de Pratis* of *Creak* several parcels of land, with the advowson of the church of *St. Helen's* of *Gateley*, his brother Sir *John* confirming the same by deed *sans date*. *Pope Alexander* granting license to appropriate it to the said abbey, *Simon Wanton* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed it, and ordained a vicarage to consist in the following things:—all the altarage, tithe hay, heath, or turbary, the tithes arising from the little closes belonging to the houses, 6 acres of arable land, a messuage, and 8 perches in length and breadth, in *Serjeant's Croft*; the abbot and convent to have all the rest of the profits as rectors, and they to sustain all episcopal and archdiaconal expenses, but all extraordinary charges to be sustained by the religious, and the vicar, according to proportion; the abbot and convent to have the presentation of the vicarage; dated at *Thornage*, the *Ides* of *February* 1264, in the 7th year of his pontificate.

The prior of *Castleacre* released to *Thomas*, the abbot of *Creke*,

<sup>3</sup> Tra Epis. Tedfordensis de Feudo— In Gatelea i lib. ho vi ac. tre. et val. vid q' tenuit. Bonde lib. ho. antec Hug. de Montfort. T. R. E. p'ea effectus e. ho. mo. Erfasti Epi. et ideo tenet Wil. soca in Muleham.

<sup>4</sup> Terre Petri Yalonensis— In Gatelea

tene. Radalfus ii soc. xxxiiii ac. tre de his habuit antecess. Hugonis de Monteforti soca' falde et com'datione, et alia soca in Muleham Regis mo eos ten. Petrus de liberatione, sep. i et i ac. et dim. p'ti sep. val. xx sol.

6s. 8d. rent per ann. for two parts of the tithes of the land here, called *Tollesnape*, &c. there being a controversy between the abbot and the rector of *Colkirk* for tithes of several parcels of land in *Shortland Longland*, *Wyswong*, &c. some were adjudged to the rector, and some to the abbot in 1315.<sup>5</sup>

It appears that the 6s. 8d. above released, was due for tithe of land given by *Godfrey de Lisewyn*, and dated in 1324.<sup>6</sup>

The appropriated rectory was valued at 26 marks, the vicarage at 6 marks, *Peter-pence* 20d. and the vicarage now at 3s. 2s. 7d. At the dissolution of *Creke* abbey it came to the Crown, (which was before the general dissolution of religious houses,) in the 22d year of King *Henry VII.* who then gave the abbey, with all its possessions, to his mother, the Countess of *Richmond*, who in the following year granted the same to *Christ* college in *Cambridge*, then founded by her.

## VICARS.

1306, *Robert de Chevere*, presented by the abbot, &c. of *Creke*.

1330, *Edmund de Beretone*. Ditto.

1334, *Ralph de Wortham*. Ditto.

1383, *Robert Sewatere*. Ditto.

*John Jakes*, vicar.

1417, *Thomas Ermelyn*. Ditto.

1417, *Thomas Bose*.

1418, *John Burton*. Ditto.

1423, *John Fox*. Ditto.

1429, *William Fuller*. Ditto.

1432, *Geff. Spyrk*. Ditto.

1433, *Thomas Alyson*, the Bishop by lapse.

1448, *William Wyndell*, by the abbot of *Creik*.

1464, *John Stanhow*, canon, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1485, *Thomas Lenne*, canon. Ditto.

1520, *Thomas Thompson*, by the Master and Fellows of *Christ* college.

1530, *Nicholas Appulby*. Ditto.

1554, *George Rishton*. Ditto.

1561, *John Howet*. Ditto.

1718, *Ralph Anesley*, on the death of *Robert Withers*.

1723, *Thomas Atherton*, by *Christ* college.

1732, *Thomas Cartwright*. Ditto.

1733, *Thomas Harwell*. Ditto.

1740, *Hugh Thomas*. Ditto.

1750, *Charles Dix*. Ditto.

1759, *Mr. Joseph Gosling*.

The vicar is discharged of first-fruits and tenths.

In the church was the guild of *St. Helen*, to whom the church was dedicated.

*Gat* gives name to *Gatewick*, and *Gat* in *Sussex*, *Gatton* in *Surry*, on the river *Gat*.

<sup>5</sup> Reg. de *Creke*, penes *Episc. Norwic* 1700, nunc in *Biblioth. Cantabrig. univ.*

<sup>6</sup> Reg. *Castleac.* fol. 54.

## O X W I C K,

**C**ALLED anciently *Ossuig*, deriving its name from its site on a *Wick*, or turn of a stream, or rivulet, called *Ouse*, as most rivers were in *Norfolk*, &c. from whence the inhabitants were styled the *Iceni*.

It was a lordship belonging to the abbot of *Ely*, founded by *St. Audrey*, who had one carucate of land, 4 borderers, and 3 socmen with 6 acres, and a carucate in demean, formerly 2 carucates amongst the men or tenants, but at the survey only half, and the other half might be recovered; 2 acres of meadow, pannage for 24 swine, valued in the whole at 20s. *per ann.* *Rainald*, son of *Ivo*, held it of the abbot, but before of the King.<sup>7</sup>

This was in the family of the *Erlhams* of *Erlham*, by *Norwich*. In the 3d of *Edward I.* *Ralph de Earlham* claimed, as lord, the assize of bread and beer, &c. of his tenants here, and in the 10th of *Edward I.* it appears that *William Sygar*, of *Orwyk* had an interest herein, they agreeing, by a fine then levied, to present alternately; so that the lordship seems to consist of two parts or moieties.

*Agatha Sygar* of this town presented in 1318; and in 1315, *Nicholas Sygar*, and *Ralph de Erleham* were returned to be lords.

In the year 1389, *Thomas Croft* of this town granted to *John de Burton*, *William Norbury*, &c. the manor of *Orwyc*, called *Syger's*, with the advowson of the church formerly *Richard Syger's*, and in 1390, *John*, son of *Nicholas Payne* of *Heltoeton*, released to *John de Burton*, his right in the said manor and advowson, and *Henry Mau-pas* presented to the church in 1398.

In or about the 20th of *Richard II.* *William Laverok* of *Salle* and *Emme* his wife, *Bartholemew Pynkeney* of *Taterset*, and *Joan* his wife, conveyed by fine 2 tofts, 60 acres of land, 4 of meadow, 4s. 8d. rent in this town, *Patesley*, &c. to *Roger Raulin*, from the heirs of *Emma* and *Joan*; and in the 4th of *Henry VI.* *William Billingford*, Esq. was lord, and presented in 1438, son of *James*, and grandson of *Adam Billingford*.

In the 13th of *Edward IV.* *Geff. Rigby* and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed it by fine to *Henry Heydon*, Esq. who presented in 1481; after this it came to the *Townsend*s, *Sir Roger Townsend*, Knt. presenting in 1542, and was sold by *Roger Townesend*, Esq. to *Thomas Barsham*, Esq. in the reign of *Queen Elizabeth*; *Thomas Barsham* presenting in 1563, and *Robert Barsham* in 1623.

In the year 1662, *Samuel Smithe* of *Colkirke* was lord and presented. On his death he left 4 daughters and coheirs, and in 1712, *Tho. Bendishe*, Esq. was lord.

<sup>7</sup> Terre See' Adeldrede—Ossuic ten. sep. S. A. i car. tre. sep. iiii bor. et iiii soc. vi ac. sep. i car. in d'nio. tc. ii car. hom. mo. dim. et dim. pot. rest. ii ac.

pti. silv. xxiiii porc. val. xx sol. *Rainald*. filii. *Ivo*ais tenet de Abb. sed p. tenuit de Rege.

*Hendewyck*, *Hen* expressing likely the name of the stream or rivulet of this *Wick*, as *Henstede* hundred, &c.; the church was then valued at 100s. and paid *Peter-pence* 6d. and in the patronage of *Westacre* priory; the present valor is 1*l.* 10s. 10d. and is discharged.

## RECTORS.

*Philp de Longevil* occurs rector in the 19th of *Henry II.* and *John de Tilney* in the 4th of *Edward I.*

1306, *Peter de Geyton*, presented by the prior of *Westacre*.

1322, *William de Wolpit*. Ditto.

1342, *John Denever*. Ditto.

1349, *Andrew Godyn*. Ditto.

1385, *Alexander Cole*. Ditto.

1395, *John Brewster*. Ditto.

1395, *John Baxtere*.

*Thomas Smith*, rector.

1421, *William Dykk*.

1432, *Richard Barker*.

1444, *John Middleton*.

1473, *Frater John Grimesby*, a canon of *Westacre*.

1474, *John Wra*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

1485, *Robert Keteleston*, by the Bishop, a lapse.

On December 15, 1630, *Cuthbert Beacon*, then rector of this church, and *Samuel Leeds*, then rector of *Tittleshall*, this church was consolidated with that of *Tittleshall* by the Bishop of *Norwich*, then at *Ludham*, Sir *Edward Coke*, the patron of both churches, consenting.

In 1716, Mr. *Duckett*, rector, see in *Tittleshale*.

There is nothing remaining of the old church, but part of the steeple.

## GRESSENHALE.

WAS in King *Edward's* time the lordship of *Toke*, a freeman, (a *Saxon* thane,) who had many lordships in this county: after him *Fedric* possessed it, but at the survey it was one of the lordships of *William Earl Warren*, who had 2 carucates and an half of land, 18 borderers, 10 villains, 4 servi, and 4 acres of meadow, 2 carucates in demean, and 2 amongst the tenants, paunage for 100 swine, a mill, and 18 socmen with all their customary dues, with one carucate and 3 borderers, with 4 acres of meadow: also 3 carucates, two mills, a beast for burden, and 10 cows, &c. 30 sheep, and as many goats; and *Scarning* was a beruite, or lordship, depending on this.\*

\* Tre. Will. de Warrems ——— sculp. x vill. et xviii bord: tc. iiii serv.  
In Gressenhale, tenuit Toke lib. ho. no. et iiii ac. pti. sculp. ii car. in do.  
T.R.E. p' Fedricus ii car. tre. et dim. milio et ii hom. silv. c. porc. tc. i mo.

The town seems to take its name as lying on watery meadows, by a river, probably called in ancient days the *Ger*, or *Yar*; *Ing* signifying meadows, and *Hale*, not a hall, but a moist place, as *Hales-Worth*, and *Alesham*; I find it wrote *Garsignehehal* in a deed, sans date.

It was valued at the survey, together with its beruite *Scerning*, at 4*l.* and with that was 7 furlongs long, four broad, and paid 7*d.* ob, gelt, and *Wimer* held the whole.

*William* Earl *Warren* aforesaid, granted to *Wimer*, his dapifer, with the manors of *Kempston*, *Dunham Magna*, *E. st Letham*, &c. in-somuch that it was accounted and called the honour of *Gressenhale*, and he, by the name of *Wimerus Dapifer*, and *Gilla* his wife, gave to the monks of *Castlecre*, the churches of the aforesaid towns, with the tithes of his demesns therein; and *Roger* his son gave them lands in *Snetesham* and *Congham*: to this grant, *Roland Lestrangle*, *Walker* his brother, *Richard de St. Clere*, *Osmund*, the Earl's steward, *Humphrey de Dunham*, &c. were witnesses; also a croft in *Kempston*, to which *Fulcher de Gressenhale*, *Gilbert de St. Clere*, and *William de Salle* were witnesses.<sup>1</sup>

*William*, son of *Roger*, assumed the name of *Gressenhale*, and left several sons by *Eliru* his wife; *Roger*, his eldest, succeeded him, and left *William de Gressenhale*, his son and heir.

This *William* had an only daughter, *Isabel*, who married first *Berenger de Cressi*, and afterwards *William de Huntingfield*; <sup>2</sup> and *Osmond de Stutevill*, her 3d husband, was lord of this town in her right.<sup>3</sup>

In the 17th of King *John*, he had a grant of the lands of *William de Maundevill* in this county, during pleasure, and was a younger son of *Robert de Stutevill*, by *Erneburga*, his wife, and grandson of *Robert de Stutevill*, who came into *England* with the Conqueror, and were both of them barons of this realm, had many lordships in *Yorkshire*, &c. and bore for their arms, barry of ten, *argent* and *gules*, over all a lion rampant, *sable*.<sup>4</sup>

*Osmund* died at *Joppa* in the *Holy-land*, and left by his wife 2 sons, *Roger*, and *William* the eldest, to whom this lordship was assigned; he confirmed the donations of his father, *Osmund*, and *Isabel* his mother, and of *Wimer*, *Roger* his son, and all his ancestors, to the aforesaid monks, in their advowsons, tithes, fisheries, mills, excepting to himself the advowson of the churches of *St. Peter* and *St. Paul*, of *Wesensham-Thorp*, before the justices at *Westminster*, in the *Quindens* of *St. Hillary*, 41st of *Henry III.* *Sir Henry de Bath*, *Mr. Simon de Wanton*, *Sir Robert de Shotindon*, and *Sir John de Cockfield*, justices of the *King's Bench*, &c.

In the 19th of *Henry III.* he paid 40 marks for 23 knights fees, and in the 15th in consideration of two palfreys, and 20*s.* in silver obtained pardon for marrying *Margaret*, daughter and heir of *Hugh de Say* of *Ricard's Castle* in *Herefordshire*, relict of *Robert Mortimer*, without license; in the 17th of the said King was one of the barons

lin. mo. ii et xviii soc. semp. cu'o'i consuetud. i car. terre semp. iii bord. et iiii ac. pti. tc. et p' iii car. mo. ii semp. ii molin. et i runc. tc. x an. mo. xi semp. xxx porc. mo. xxx ov. et xxx cap. hic. jacet semp. i beruita Scerninga. Domesday lib.

<sup>1</sup> Regist. Castleac.

<sup>2</sup> *William de Huntingfield* and *Isabel* his wife, were living in the 6th year of *Richard I.* as appears by a fine.

<sup>3</sup> Claus. 17 Johs.

<sup>4</sup> Dugd. Baron. vol. i. p. 456.

of the marches, and delivered up *Osmond* his son as an hostage for his fidelity, in the 26th year, gave a fine of 15 marks to be exempted from going into *Gascoigne*, and in the 4<sup>th</sup> of the said King died seized of many lordships in right of *Margaret* his wife.

He was succeeded by *Robert de Stutevill*, his son and heir, who standing firm to King *Henry III.* in his war with the barons, was taken by *Henry de Montfort* and imprisoned, and obliged to sell his manor of *Witheresfield* in *Suffolk*, to *Giles Argenton*, one of their party, to redeem himself, which was restored to him (after the defeat of the barons) in the 59th year of King *Henry*.

It appears that *William* his father, had also married a 2nd wife, *Ermetrude*, widow of *Stephen de Créssi*, (who held lands *in capite*,) without the King's license, or that of *Bertram de Bevill*, the King's valet, to whom the marriage had been granted, &c

*Robert* married *Joan*, daughter and heir of *William Talbot* of *Gainesburgh*, in *Lincolnshire*, and died seized of this town, held of the Earl *Warren* by 2 knights fees, in the first year of King *Edward I.* viz. a capital messuage, a water-mill, a wind-mill, 200 acres of pasture, a *kar*, &c. all valued at 19*l.* 3*s.* 4*d.* and was a great benefactor to the abbey of *Wendling*, leaving *Murgery* his sister and heir,<sup>3</sup> married to *Richard Foliot*, son of *Jordon Foliot*, (son of *Jordan*, by *Beatriz* his wife, daughter and coheir of *Hugh Bardolph*.)

This Sir *Richard* dying in the 6th of *Edward I.* left a son and heir, *Jordan*.

In the 8th of *Edward I.* he was lord of this town, with its members, and *Thomas de Rotheland* being one of his villains, he was found to have a right of taxing him, high or low, at his will, and the custom of *market*; and in the 14th of that King, he claimed free warren, the assise of bread and beer of his tenants, frank pledge, by view of the king's bailiff, a weekly market on *Monday*, and a fair on the vigil, the day and day after *St. Michael*.

In the 17th of the said reign, *Richard Foliot* conveyed by fine, to *Jordan* and *Margery* his wife, the manors of *Fenwick* and *Norton* in *Yorkshire*, and they conveyed to *Richard* those of *Grimston* and *Welham* in *Nottinghamshire*, for life, with an annuity of 60*l.* 4*s.* 1*d.* ob. payable at *St. Michael's* and at *Easter*.

In the 27th of *Edward I.* *Jordan* covenanted with *Edmund Foliot* to find the said *Edmund* provision and cloathing, viz. one robe at *Christmas* with 2 supertunicks, well lined, and a saddle, (*sellam*), agreeable to that of *Jordan*, and to maintain one esquire, and 3 grooms of the said *Edmund*, in provision, amongst those of *Jordan*, together with the palfrey, and sumpter-horse of *Edmund*, as the palfrey and sumpter-horse of *Jordan*, together with the Esquire of *Edmund*, like as the Esquire of *Jordan*, for the life of *Edmund*.

In the said year, *Jordan*, then a knight, died seized of the manors of *Fenwick* and *Norton*, &c. in *Yorkshire*, and of this, doing suit and service to *Castleacre* court, every three weeks.

There was then a park in this lordship, and a wood called *Old Hall-Ker*; *William de Lynford* held of it one messuage, and 40 acres of land, by the fourth part of a fee.

In the year after his death, *Margery* his widow was impleaded by

<sup>3</sup> Dugdale says he had a son and heir, John, but it does not appear, *ut supra*.

the *Earl Warren*, to deliver to him *Richard*, her son and heir, by *Jordan*, who held this and other lordships of him, by homage, fealty, and the service of 9 knights fees and an half.

She pleads that she only kept him to nurse, being young; and in the 29th of the said King, *Ralph de Monthermer* Earl of Gloucester, and *Joan* his wife, impleaded her on the same account, which shows the hardships that attended families on these occasions, when she replied that she had delivered him into court, and the court committed him to Sir *Roger Bilney*, Knt. who redelivered him to his mother, during the pleasure of the court.

She held, for life, *Grimston* in *Nottinghamshire*, with *Fenwick*, *Mosly*, &c. in *Yorkshire*, and died in the 3d year of *Edward III.* and was buried before the great altar in the presbytery of *Wendling* abbey, on the north side, being styled advocate or patroness thereof.

Sir *Richard Foliot*, son of Sir *Jordan*, married *Cecilia*, she was sister and coheir with *Alice*, relict of *Gilbert de Luda* of *Yorkshire*, but her surname does not appear; and dying without issue in the 4th of *Edward III.* his two sisters, *Margery*, married to Sir *Hugh de Hastings*, and *Margaret* to Sir *John Camois*, were his heirs. The *Foliot*s bore, *gules*, a bend, *argent*.

In the 4th of *Edward III.* Sir *John de Camois* and *Margaret* his wife released to Sir *Hugh Hastings* and his wife, this lordship, with all their right, and that of *Elsing* with the chapel of *Roughholm*, and the advowson of *Wendling* abbey. Sir *Hugh* was son of Sir *John de Hastings*, Lord *Abergavenny*, by *Isabel* his 2d lady, daughter of *Hugh le Despencer* Earl of *Winchester*.

He built the church of *Elsing*, and was there buried in 1347, as was his lady in 1349; he bore *or*, a maunch, *gules*.

Sir *Hugh Hastings*, his son, was (as I take it) that Sir *Hugh*, who was summoned to parliament, as a baron, in the 16th of *Edward III.* and in his 20th year styled the king's cousin, constituted his lieutenant in *Flanders*, served in the wars both in *France* and *Spain*.

He married *Anne*, daughter of Sir *Adam Everingham*, and died on *Kalkwell Hill*, in 1369, being buried in the Friars Church at *Doncaster*, in *Yorkshire*. In the Institution Books of *Norwich*, the Lady *Margery*, wife of Sir *Hugh Hastings*, presented to the church of *Elsing* in 1361.

Sir *Hugh Hastings* was his son and heir, who married *Anne*, daughter of *Edward Lord Spencer*, and died in *Spain* on his pilgrimage to *Jerusalem* in 1370, and his Lady afterwards married Lord *Morley*.

Sir *Hugh Hastings*, the fourth of that name, was his son and heir; and married a daughter of Sir *William Blount*; he died at *Calais* (on the marriage of King *Richard II.* to *Isabell*, daughter of the King of *France*) in 1395, without issue, and his brother *Edward*, aged 14, then the King's ward, succeeded him.

He was afterwards a knight, and styled himself Lord *Hastings* and *Stutvill*, and engaged with *Reginald Lord Grey* of *Ruthyn*, for the right of the lands, arms, and honours of the *Hustings* Earls of *Pembroke*, in a long suit, which is said to have so much reduced him (though possessed of great estates) that he died at *London* in the *Fleet*.

*Dugdale* says he was condemned in 970l. &c. costs on this suit, and imprisoned on that account 16 years,<sup>6</sup> but mentions not the time of

<sup>6</sup> Baron. vol. i. p. 578.



his death; it was before the year 1441, in which year *John Windham*, Esq. presented to the church of *Brisley*, in right of *Margery*, late wife of *Edward Lord Hastings*, and it appears that in 1435, *September 12*, the said lord presented to that church.<sup>7</sup> He is said to have married *Muriel*, but rather *Margery* aforesaid, daughter of Sir *John Denham*, Knt. by whom he had Sir *John Hastings*, who, with his Lady *Anne*, daughter of *John Lord Morley*, were buried in the church of *Elsing*; their monument is dated 1471.

Sir *Hugh* was their son and heir, who presented to this church as lord and patron, in 1485, and by *Anne*, daughter of Sir *William Gascoigne*, had several children:

*John*, Sir *George Hastings*, and Sir *Brian Hastings*, and 6 daughters; the eldest married Sir *Ralph Eure*, Knt.; 2d, *Elizabeth*, Sir *Ralph Gvision*; 3d, *Isabel*, Sir *John Hotham*; 4th, ———, married ——— *Grisacre*; 5th, *Anne*, ——— *Wastlyn* of *Lincolnshire*; and the 6th, *Catherine*, *John Melton*, Knt.

By the eschaet rolls it appears that Sir *Hugh* died in the 4th of *Henry VII.* and *John* was then found to be his son and heir, and being a knight, presented to the church of *Gressenhale* in 1492, and 1503, and died in the 20th of *Henry VII.* without issue, and was found to hold this lordship and that of *Elsing*, &c. of the dutchy of *Lancaster*.

*George Hastings*, Esq. his brother, was his heir, and presented to this church in 1504: he married *Anne*, daughter and heir of *Alexander Brabazon*; and by an inquisition taken *October 8*, in the 3d of *Henry VIII.* at *East Derham*, was found to die on the 11th of *June* last past, and *Hugh*, (brother and heir of *John*, son of Sir *George*,) was his son and heir.

*John*, the eldest son of Sir *George*, married *Catherine*, daughter and one of the heirs of *Robert le Strange*, Esq. and she presented to the church of *Gressenhale* in 1519, then widow of *John Hastings*, Esq. holding this lordship, as it seems in dower.

*Hugh Hastings* presented to the church of *Brisley* in 1537, and in 1540 to this church, then a Knt. and died before the 13th of *November*, 1556, when *Catherine Hastings*, widow of Sir *Hugh*, presented to the church of *Stanfield*, as appears from the institution books.

*John Hastings*, Esq. was son and heir of Sir *Hugh*, and dying without issue in the 35th of *Henry VIII.* left two sisters and coheirs; *Anne*, the eldest, married to *William Browne*, Esq. 2d son to Sir *Anthony Brown*, master of the horse to King *Henry VIII.* and Knight of the Garter, who had with her the lordships of *Elsing* and *Wescenham*; and *Elizabeth* married to *Hamon le Strange*, Esq. son and heir to Sir *Nicholas* of *Hunstanton*, who had this lordship, &c. assigned to him, and was found to die seized of it in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, *October 7*, *Thomas* being his son and heir.

In this honourable family (of which a particular account is given in *Hunstanton*) it remained, that truly courteous and hospitable baronet Sir *Henry L'Estrange* dying lord.

By a pleading in the 22d of *Elizabeth*, it appears that there were two *Sokens*, the *North* and *South*; and the custom was, that an heir or tenant to any copyhold land, in one alone of these paid, on admittance, 5s. fine only; if in both, then 10s. and if a copyholder did not

<sup>7</sup> He died in 1437.

sell all his land, then the fine, to be 2s. per acre, and that they might fell their timber.

### HEREFORD MANOR

Was a part of the capital manor belonging to a branch of the family of *de Gressenhale*, descended from *Wimerus Dapifer*.

*William*, son of *Roger de Gressenhale*, held lands here in the 6th of *Richard I.* and in the 34th of *Henry III.* *William de Stutevil* conveyed by fine, 30 acres of land here to *Adam*, son of *Peter de Gressenhale*.<sup>6</sup> In 1277, *Thomas de Hereford* was lord of this manor.

*Henry*, son of *Adam de Gressenhale*, rector of the church of *Frating* in *Essex*, remitted to *Warine de Hereford* and his heirs, all his right in certain tenements in *Gressenhale*, *Skerning*, *Wendling*, and *Bittering*, with the homages, reliefs, wards, eschaets, rents and services of free-men and villains.

This grant was enrolled before the itinerant justices, *Solomon de Roffa* and his associates, at *Chelmsford* in *Essex*, in *Michaelmas* term, 14th of *Edward I.*

In the 3d of *Henry IV.* *Alan Rouse* and *Joan* his wife granted by fine to *William Clerk* the said lordship, who soon after conveyed it to *John de Hoo*, in the said reign.

*John Ferrou* of *Gressinghale*, senior, by his will, dated *December 15, 1483*, bequeaths his body to be buried in the churchyard of *St. Mary of Gressinghale*, and was father of *John Ferrou* of *Wendling*, who died before him; his will being dated *May 2*, in the aforesaid year, wherein he requires to be buried in the chapel of *St. Thomas of Gressinghale*, mentions *Joan* his mother, and *Christian* his wife, to whom he gives for life, this manor in *Gressinghale*, *Scarning* and *Wendling*, on condition she lives unmarried, after to *John* his son.<sup>9</sup>

He also wills that the villages of *Stanfield*, *Brisley*, *Hornynghoft*, and *Bilney*, have amongst them 16 cows to support, and for ever exonerate by their profits, as far as they can, 60s. the lete fee of the *North Soken*, annually paid to the lord of the manor of *Gressinghale*, and his heirs, by his tenants in the aforesaid villages, or elsewhere.

*John Ferrou* occurs lord in the 12th of *Elizabeth*; and in 1637, *Robert Halcot*, who in the said year paid a quitrent of 15s. per ann. for it, to the lord of *Gressenhale*.

*John L'Estrange* held his first court in *May, 1682*; *William Tinker*, Gent. his in *October, 1701*; *William Prithero*, Gent. in *March, 1708*, and *William* his son, rector of *East Barsham*, is the present lord.

### ST. NICHOLAS'S CHAPEL

Was founded in a place called *Rougholm* in *Gressinghale*, by *William de Stutevil*, lord of the town, in the reign of *Henry III.* In his 34th year a fine was levied between *William de Ling*, chaplain of it, (as there was a little before between *Adam de Skypedam*, a former chaplain)

<sup>6</sup> *Thomas de Hereford* and *Beatrix* his wife, daughter of *Henry de Gressenhale*, gave lands, sans date, to *Castleacre* priory. See also in *How*.

<sup>9</sup> *Regist. Castou. Norw. fol. 185.*

and *William de Stutevill* aforesaid, who granted the rent of four marks *per ann.* and 7 acres of land here, in *Skerning* and *Bradenham*, to the chaplain and his successors, in free alms, to sustain a chaplain therein to pray for his soul, his ancestors, and his heirs, to be presented by him and his heirs, the four marks to be received from his tenants; and if the chaplain should be unfit to celebrate, or the chapel vacant for 40 days, the diocesan was then to present another.

*Thomas Brasingham* was custos of this free chapel, in 1390.

In 1505, *James Kysgate* was capellane, of the college of *St. Nicholas* the Bishop in *Rowholm*, and was buried in *Gressenhale* church; on its dissolution *John Strange* held it.

It was dissolved by King *Edward VI.* who granted it *July 23*, in his 4th year, to *Sir Nicholas L'Strange*, Knt. with all its messuages and lands here, in *East Bradenham*, *Scarning*, *Fransham Magna*, *Dunham Magna*, *How*, *Brisley*, *Stanfyld*, *North Elmham*, and *Wendlyng*; and the said *Sir Nicholas* had license to alienate the manor of *Rowholm*, with its appertenance, to *William Warner* and his heirs, in the first and 2d of *Philip* and *Mary*.

In the 10th of *Elizabeth*, *Laurence le Strange*, Esq. held it with 6 messuages, a water-mill, and a fold here and in *Hoo*, of the Queen, in *capite*; the site of it was by *Gressinghale* mill, and valued at 12*l.* and 5*d. per ann.*

It was a long narrow building, with a north and south transept, and a chancel, which, with the north transept, is in ruins, the rest still standing, and now an house, and a little way south of it, where the brethren lived, there stood a house, now an osier ground.

Here is an annual fair kept on *St. Nicholas* the Bishop's day, *December 6*.

#### *Masters of the Chapel of St. Nicholas.*

*William Stather*, clerk, was master of this chapel, and *John Williamson*, succeeded him, and was master *ao. 10 Henry VII.*

*William Styllinton*, master, *20 Henry VII.*

The common seal of this house or college was the effigies of *St. Nicholas*, in his pontificals.

*John Strange*, the last incumbent, had a pension of 4*l.* 16*s. per ann.* paid him from the Crown, and was living in 1503.

The CHURCH of *Gressenhale* is a large pile, built in a cathedral manner, with a north and south transept, and a tower in the middle, as you enter the chancel, which tower decaying, license was granted *January 28*, 1698, to take down the spire on the top of it.

This tower had been repaired in 1491, by *John Ferour* and *Joan* his wife; and on the battlements was this inscription;

*Orate p. a'i'ab; Johan. Ferour, et Johane ux'is sue, ex quor. sumptibus reparatum fuit hoc campanile. anno mill'mo quadringent. nonagesimo primo, quor. a'i'ab; p'pitiatur Deus, Amen.*

The north transept is called *Ferour's* chantry or chapel, and that on the south *Hasting's* chapel, both covered with lead, as the nave, the north and south isles with a south porch are, and the chancel; and in the tower are 5 bells.

The chancel is very neat, being beautified at the cost of the late rector, Mr. *Hugh Hare*, and is seated round, the communion table railed in, and has a covering of red silk, with a deep silver lace, and a rich piece of gold brocade, with a large cross of silk worked thereon, &c. being the gift of his wife.

In the wall of the chancel, by the table, is a brass plate, with a chevron between three estoils or escallops,

*Johannes Estmond, generosus, natus in parochia de Chardstock, comitat. Dorsett. olim collegij novi apud Oxon. socius, juris civilis doctor, et unus advocatorum curiæ de arcubus London, nuper ecclesiæ de Saham Tony comitat. Norf. rector. In hoc vico mortuus 17 Octob. Ao. Dni. 1604, ætat. suæ 56, hic jacet sepultus - Sarah Estmond, conjux mæstissima posuit :*

*Non pexit Estmondus tumulo sed dormit in isto,  
Scilicet in Domino mors pia, somnus erit.*

On a brass plate on the south wall,

*Sarah Estmond uxor. primo Thomæ Steward, generosi, deinde Johs. Estmond, legum doct. quos vivens hic sepultos curavit ex Thoma suscepto liberos supersites 4, filios Thoma' et Edmundi' filias Sarah, et Jana' ipsa vero e vivis excessit 14 die Octob. Ao. Dni. 1609, ætatis suæ 56.*

*Hoc autem Tho. Steward filius mæstiss. in pietatis et amoris sui estimonium fieri fecit.*

*Sarah mihi nomen quæ marmore testa sub isto  
Dormio; bis conjux, bis tamen orba viro.  
Ecce sequor te, chare Thoma, te chare Johannes.  
Tu mihi postremus, tu mihi primus amor.  
Jura, fides et nos junxerunt fœdera læti,  
Mutuus imprimis sed sociavit amor.  
Nunc quoque mors jungit, quos junxit copula vitæ.  
In cælis tandem jungat et ipse Deus.*

On a stone,

*Exuvia Susannæ Lestrangle, 1679.*

*Here resteth the body of Robert Halcot of Gressenhall, yeman, he departed this life Novr. 2, 1740.*

*Hic jacet Anna pia (Samuelis Harsnet armig. filia,) uxor amantissima Rogeri Lestrangle, generosi, quæ obt. 5 Nov. ætat. suæ 37, ao; 1677; with the arms of Lestrangle impaling Harsnet.*

*Sir Nicholas Lestrangle, baronet, son of Sir Nicholas Lestrangle and Dame Mary his wife, born on the 2d of December, 1661, married to Anna, daughter of Sir Thomas Woodhouse and Dame Ann his wife on the 2d day of December, 1686, died at Gressenhall on the 18th day of December, 1724.*

On a marble monument of white marble in the chancel, *Lestrangle* impaling *Woodhouse*;

*Dame Ann, relict of Sir Nicholas L'estrangle, baronet; only daughter of Sir Thomas Woodhouse of Kimberley, knight, and of Dame Ann, 2d*

daughter and coheir of Sir William Airmins, of Osgodby in Lincolnshire, born the 2d of February 1688, dy'd at Gressenhall the 10th of Apr. 1727, and lyes interr'd by her loving husband; she was a lady of most extensive charity, whose memory will long outlast this monument.

On the chancel screens are painted the 4 doctors of the church, and St. Margaret, St. Leonard, and St. Anthony, &c.

In Hastings chantry on the pavement, lies a large marble stone, disrobed of its effigies, brass shields and ornaments; on a brass plate remaining,

*Nobilitas gen'is quid p'dest, o'ia solvit,  
Mors que sub lapide ho. p'cerum duo corpora volvit;  
Morib; insigni comitu de sanguine natus,  
Pembrochie jacet hic John Hastyng pul'e strat;  
Uxor et Anna sibi que sangu'e filia scitur  
De Morley, d'no moriens p. cum sepelitur.  
Quisquis et ista legas fusa prece siste, rogatus,  
Ut Deus amborum velit indulgere reatus.  
Ann. erat Christi poliando co'gru; isti  
Mill. quadringen; uno plus septuagenus.*

A stone,

In memory of Rachel, daughter of Richard Vesy, of Readwell in Suffolk, Esq; and wife of Edward Davy of this town, who died Sep. 7, 1725.

One for

Edward Davy, late of Stanfield, Norfolk, and Jane his wife, he died October 7, 1715, she in April, 1708.

On the gallery at the west end of the church,

Robert Helcot, the owner of Harephares, gave this gallery, 1695.

The church is dedicated to the assumption of the Blessed Virgin, and was anciently valued at 18 marks.

The present valor of this rectory is 15l. 12s. 5d. ob.

William Earl Warren, before the year 1148, confirmed to the monks of Castleacre, the grant of Wimer Dapifer's tithe of his demean, his wood and mill here. The said monks had in this town, *Wellingham* and *Elving*, 2 parts of the tithes of the demean of Robert de Statvill, and two parts of all the tithes of William de Kutling, of Ralph Crow, of Henry, son of Isabel and Ralph de Hingresho, and of a tenement, late Peter Cupa's; and they had 2 portions of tithe, one of 24s. per ann. another of 12s.

The portion of Richard, rector of Dudlington, was 4 marks per ann.

Temporalities in 1428, of Castleacre, 2s. 8d.; of Wending abbey, 4s. 1d.; of Petriston priory, 18d. per ann.

Katherine de Bec gave to Walsingham priory land by Gressinghale park-gate.

In the church were the guilds of St. Thomas the Martyr, of the Holy Trinity, Corpus Christi, and of the Holy Ghost; the lights of our Lady, of the Holy Sepulchre, and of St. Thomas's Tabernacle.

John Ferroure abovementioned was steward of this manor, and gave

by will, in 1483, to this township, a messuage called *Noppys*, with 20 acres of land, to keep his anniversary, and to pay 20s. (as it is said) *per ann.* to the lord of *Gressingham* to pay the lete.

On the gravestone of Sir John *Hastings* abovementioned, in the chapel of *Hastings*, there was, I find, these following verses which began the epitaph;

*Hic stratus, si quo sit natus sanguine, quæris;  
A proavo genitam noscas cui nupsierat heres  
Pembrochie Comitum Vallensis origine nata.  
Huic comites plures donec crudelia fata  
Extulerant pestem (Woodstock) te convoco testem  
Qui nece sub mastâ cecidit dum frangitur hasta  
Hugo successit miles sibi qui sociavit  
Lordani Foliot natam, de qua generavit  
Hugonem sed huic Everingham nata potentis  
Nupsit, et Hugonis sit mater ad arma valentis.  
Nata cui Dñi Spencer tadis generavit  
Edwardum, cui John Dinham natam sociavit.  
E quibus hoc tumultu stratus sit origo Johannes  
Cui requies detur cunctis viventibus annis  
Hugo, Roberte, quibus Edmundus frater habetur  
Poscatis precibus celis requiescere detur.*

## RECTORS.

In 1344, John de Rothing occurs rector.

1348, Thomas de Haryugtoft presented by Sir John Camois.

1349, Richard de Olney. Ditto.

1361, Thomas Freshebek. Ditto.

1396, John Peterburgh, by the Duke of Lancaster, as guardian to the heir of Hugh de Hastings.

John Spalding alias Bovelyn, rector, buried in the chancel by the lavatory, in 1441.

Henry Bradfield, by John Windham, Esq. and the Lady Margery Hastings.

1443, Henry Hall. Ditto.

1446, John Avelyn. Ditto.

1485, Thomas Thorkin, by Sir Hugh Hastings.

1492, Robert Middleton, by Sir John Hastings.

Robert Rawson, rector.

1503, Dominick Croy. Ditto.

1514, Henry Glover.

1519, Robert Elverede, by Catherine, relict of John Hastings, Esq. son and heir of Sir George.

1540, Robert Nicholls, by Sir Hugh Hastings.

1566, Gregory Goodage, by Ham. L'Strange.

1578, Ralph Agas. Ditto.

1583, Edward Chamberleyn, by the King, on the minority of Nicholas L'Strange.

1607, John Bretton, by Sir Ham. L'Strange.

1634, Daniel Green. Ditto.

1656, *John Knight*, by the Lady *Ann L'Strange*.

1699, *William Waller*, by Sir *Nicholas L'Strange*.

1704, *John Frankling*, by the King; succeeded by *Charles Hugh Hare*, in 1710, presented by Sir *Nicholas L'Strange*, Bart.

1744, *Benjamin Crofts*, by Sir *Thomas L'Strange*, Bart.

## HORNINGTOFT.

**W**<sub>E</sub> meet in many counties with towns taking their names from *Horn*, as *Hornby*, *Horncastle*, *Horn-Church*, *Hornsey*, (all seated by some river or stream,) from their bending and winding: thus the *Tyber* is called by Virgil *Corniger*; the ancient *Britons* gave the name of *Corn* to some rivers, hence the *Cornavij*.

*Godric* held this lordship under the Conqueror, or farmed it of him at the time of the survey. *Aluric*, a freeman, possessed it in King *Edward's* time, when there belonged to it 3 carucates of land, 7 villains, 3 borderers, 2 servi, and 4 acres of meadow; there were also 2 carucates in demean, and one carucate of the tenants, paunage for 300 hogs, and half a fishery, &c. 160 sheep and 20 goats, and 9 socmen and 2 borderers held a carucate of land, and half an acre of meadow, &c. *Stigand* had the soc of these 9 men in the time of King *Edward*, when they held 2 carucates, and *Ralph* Earl of *Norfolk* seized on it, and on his forfeiture, by rebellion, it came to the Crown, and *Godric* held it of the King.

All *Horningtoft* (including *Kypton*) was 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 4*l.* gelt.<sup>1</sup>

Soon after the abovementioned survey, the Conqueror granted it to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, in *England*, and of *Britany* in *France*, who married *Constance*, one of the daughters of *William* the Conqueror.

*Richard de Geel*, with *Andrew* and *Henry* his brothers, convey by fine to *Hamo Buhard* or *Burt*, 40 acres of land in this town and *Whis-syngsete*, and *Alice* their mother resigned her dower therein, in the 10th of *Richard* I.

By a fine levied in the 5th of King *John*, *Hamo*, son of *Burt*, released to *John de Grey* Bishop of *Norwich*, his right of commonage in the town of *Elmham* and *Brisley*, as the Bishop did his right in this town; and *Hamo* had power to inclose the common here, paying to that Bishop and his successors, 2*s.* per ann.

<sup>1</sup> T're-Regis qua' Godric. servat—  
Horninghetoft tenuit Aluric. lib. ho.  
T.R.E. iii car. t're. tnc. vii villi. p. et  
mo. v semp. iii bord. et ii ser. et iii ac.  
p'ti. tnc. ii car. in d'nio. p. et mo. i car.  
et dim. et dim. posset restaurari tnc. i  
car. hom. p. et mo. dim. et dim. posset  
restaur. silva ccc por. et dim. pisc. sep.

i animal. et xx por. et clx ov. et xx cap.  
et ix soc. et ii bor. i car. t're. et dim. ac.  
p'ti. silva xl. por. tnc. ii car. p. et mo.  
i et alia posset restaurari, de his novem  
sec habuit Stigand soca' T.R.E. et Rad.  
ea invasit, et id ht. God.—Totu' Ho-  
ringhetoft ht. viii quar. in longo, et v  
in lato, et iiiid. de gelto.

Sir *Hamo de Burt* released by his deed, *sans date*, to *Robert le Hendy* of *Norton*, (*Pudding Norton*,) and to *Thomas* and *John*, sons of *Robert*, all his right in certain lands: witnesses, *Hamon de Pottesle*, *John Buzun*, *John de Monpinzum*, *William de Lechesham*, &c. and one of the same name was lord in the 43d of *Henry III.* and had two sons, *Ralph Burt*, his eldest son, and *Thomas*; which *Ralph* granted by fine to *Thomas* his brother, in the 54th of that King, this manor and advowson, who covenanted to pay to *Ralph* for the same an annuity of 20s. for life.

Sir *Thomas Burt* and *Peter de Buzun* had, about this time, a dispute concerning the common between the townships of *Horningtoft* and *Wyssingsete*, which was referred to the arbitration of their neighbours; and in the 15th of *Edward I.* Sir *Thomas* claimed the assise, free warren, and view of frank pledge, with the view of the King's bailiff in this town and in *Kypton*.

About the same time Sir *Robert de Tateshale* held one knight's fee in this town, *Wyssesete*, and *Kypton*, valued at 40l. per ann. and paid 10s. per ann. ward to *Richmond Castle*.<sup>2</sup>

In the 18th of *Edward I.* Sir *Thomas de Burt* granted this lordship by fine to *Nicholas de Castello* and *Cecilia* his wife, with the advowson of the church; and the said *Nicholas* was found in the 26th of the said King, to hold half a fee here of Sir *Robert de Tateshale*; and *Nicholas* aforesaid and *Cecilia* his wife, by a fine levied in the 31st of the same reign, conveyed it to *Greg de Castello*, their son, on his granting to them an annuity for life, of 40l. sterling; and he appears to be lord in the 9th of *Edward II.*

Of this family probably was *Bartholomew de Castello*, lord of the manor of *Thropton*, alias *Castell's* in *Thorp Morieux* in *Suffolk*, in the 17th of *Edward I.* who, by *Alienora* his wife, had *John* his son and heir, living in the 25th of *Edward III.* and paid 50s. for half a fee held there of the Earl of *Oxford*, who held of the Earl of *Clare*.

In the year 1349, on the 8th of *May*, a rector was instituted on the presentation of Sir *Nicholas de Castello*, Knt.; and on the 24th of *June*, another, on the presentation of *Hugh de Castello*, lord of this village; and in 1361 the lady of Sir *Adam de Clifton* presented, as guardian to the heir of *Hugh de Castello*; but in 1370, *Nicholas de Castello* was lord, and presented; and *Nicholas* was lord in the 3d of *Henry IV.* and held half a fee here and in *Wessingham*.

The jury, on the death of *John de Beaufort* Duke of *Bedford*, lord of the honour of *Richmond*, in the 14th of *Henry VI.* present that *Nicholas de Castello* held 2 knights-fees of the said honour; and *Humphrey Castell*, Esq. appears to be lord in 1461, and then dated his will, *July 24*, at *Ravensingham*, wherein he mentions *Margaret* his wife, and gives this lordship, with those of *Ravensingham* and *Bedingham*, to *Leonard* his son.

The will of *John Castell* of *Ravensingham*, Esq. is dated *April 10*, 1551, and proved *February 24*, in the said year; *Roger*, his eldest son, was lord after him, and on his death, about the 20th of *Elizabeth*, was succeeded by his brother, *John Castell*, Esq.

\* Regist. Honor. Richm. p. 46. Claverling hundred.

<sup>2</sup> Of this family see in *Ravensingham*,



In 1616 this lordship paid an annual rent of 5*s.* to the lord of *Swaffham*, as *Richmond* fee.

*Mary Castle* held it in 1659, and was charged to the militia rate, at 100*l.* per ann.

*Augustin Castell* of *Ravensingham*, Esq. sold it to Sir *Richard Berney*, of *Reedham*, Bart. in which family it remains, Sir *Hanson Berney*, Bart. being the present lord.

The tenths were 2*l.* 14*s.* 0*d.* Deducted 4*s.*

King *Henry VIII.* in his 38th year, grants to *Richard Taverner* lands here, in the tenure of *Nicholas Mynne* and *John Dean*, November 3.

The CHURCH is a rectory, dedicated to St. *Edmund* the King and Martyr; the ancient valor was 13 marks, and paid *Peter-pence* 7*d.* 0*d.*

The prior of *Castleacre* had a pension or portion of tithe of one mark per ann. The present valor is 6*l.* 17*s.* 7*d.* and is discharged of tenths, &c.

The church and chancel are covered with lead, and has a square tower with four bells.

On a gravestone with a brass plate in the church,

*Orate p. a'i'a. Eliz. Oldman nup. ux'is Henrici Oldman, q'i. obiit, iii die Febr. Ao. Dni. m. v. xxxii. et p. quib; tenetr.*

On the fount are the arms of *Castell*, *argent*, three castles, triple towered, *gules*, also a fess between two chevrons.

## RECTORS

1302, *Richard de Hedersete*, rector, presented by *Nicholas de Castello* and *Cecilia* his wife.

1315, *Nicholas de Castello*, by *Gregory de Castello*.

1321, *John de Fresingfeld*, by Sir *Gregory de Castello*.

13 --, *John de Berklaw*.

1336, *John de Meldeburn*, by *Nicholas de Castello*.

1349, *John de Bokenham*, by Sir *Nicholas de Castello*.

1349, *Bartholomew de Bongey*, by *Hugh de Castello*.

1350, *John Glanville*, by *Philippa*, Queen of *England*, who is said to have recovered the presentation in the King's court, against *Hugh*, son of *Nicholas de Castello*.

1361, *Martin de Apelton*, by the lady of Sir *Adam de Clifton*, on account of the heir of *Hugh de Castello*, who was a minor.

1370, *Robert Drolle*, by *Nicholas de Castello*.

1370, *Thomas de Westacre*, by the King, by virtue of an extent of this lordship.

*Richard Lucas* occurs rector, 1446.

*John Athow* died rector in 1531.

1597, *John Beacon*, presented by *Edward Coke*, Esq.

1601, *Thomas Robbin*, presented by Mrs. *Garnishe*, Gent.

1606, *Thomas Sandy*, compounded April 3, for first fruits.

1635, *John Nashe*, compounded *May 6*.

1636, *Robert Smith*, compounded *November 18*.

1643, *George Mordaunt*, compounded *April 19*.

*James Martin*, presented by *Sir Thomas Berney*, died in 1727.

1727, *William Hern*, by *Sir Thomas Berney*, Bart.

## KEMPSTON.

FOUR socmen held in King *Edward's* reign, under Archbishop *Stigand*, a carucate of land, but at the survey *William Earl Warren* was lord: there were also 4 villains, one servus, and an acre of meadow, in *Stigand's* time, 3 carucates, afterwards 2 and an half, paunage for 10 swine, and valued at 20s. *per ann.*<sup>4</sup>

This lordship was given soon after the survey to the priory of *Castleacre*,<sup>5</sup> by *Wimer*, dapifer, or steward to the Earl *Warren*, and lord of *Gressenhale*, and confirmed by his sons, *Roger* and *William*, who was also dapiferi to the said Earls *Warren*.

In the 34th of *Henry II.* by a fine levied at *Teford*, (*Thetford*) on *Monday* next after the nativity of the Blessed Virgin *Mary*, *Maud* wife of *Ubbe*, conveyed to the prior of *Acre*, 60 acres of land in this town, before, *John Bishop of Norwich*, *Gilbert Bishop of Rochester*, *Mr. Osbert de Cam*, the King's justices.

The prior was found to hold this manor about the 20th of *Henry III.* of the lord of *Gressenhale*, by the fourth part of a fee in pure alms; and that king, in his 40th year, granted to the prior and convent, free warren in his demesns in *Kempston*, and *Herinshagh*, on the forfeiture of 10*l.* for any one to pursue the game therein: witnesses, *Walter Bishop of Norwich*, *Guy de Lezinian*, the King's brother, *William de Grey*, *Ralph de Bagpuz*, *Peter Eoverard*, *Bartholomew le Bigot*, *William de St. Ermin*, *William Gernun*, *Philip de Bukeland*, &c. dated at *Walsingham*, *March 15*.

In the said reign, *John, capellan, de Kempston*, quitclaimed to the aforesaid priory, four acres in *Tivedwode*, and the tithe of 2 acres of *Foxmere*, by deed *sans date*.

The prior, in the 18th of *Edward I.* impleaded *John de Arnycke*, lord of *Dunham Magna*, for taking 16 score of sheep on *Dunham moor*, where the prior had right of common, as belonging to his teneement in that town; the jury find that the prior and his predecessors had right of common there, and because 80 of the aforesaid sheep had passed the bounds where they ought to feed, therefore *John* had impounded; all the judgment of the court was that *John* should have return of the 80 sheep, which had done damage, until satisfaction, and the prior to have the rest delivered.

<sup>4</sup> T're. Willi. de Warennæ — In Kemestuna iiii soc. i. car. t're. sub Stigando semp. iiii vill. et i serv. et i ac. p'ti. tc. iiii. p. et mo: ii et dim. silva x porc. semp. val. xx. sol.

<sup>5</sup> Reg. Castleac.

Both the prior and *John* were in the mercy of the court, and the prior recovered damage for the 12 score sheep.

The temporalities of the priory in 1428, were valued at 8*l.* 9*s.*

At the Dissolution, *Thomas*, prior of *Castleacre*, granted this lordship, with those of *Heringsawe* and *Dykewood*, by fine, to King *Henry VIII.* in his 29th year, together with the rectory appropriated to his priory; and on *December 22*, in the said year, the King conveyed them both to *Thomas Duke of Norfolk*, with the advowson of the vicarage; and in the 35th of that King, the Duke had license to grant them to *Roger Townsend*, and *Thomas Townsend* had license to alien them to *Osbert Mundeford* in the 5th of *Edward VI.*

It was in the *Townsend* family in the 4th of *Elizabeth*: and in or about the 15th of that Queen, *Thomas Townsend* had livery of this manor, with that of *Testerton*, and the advowsons.

In the 38th of the said reign, *Thomas Townsend*, Gent. aliened it to *Edward Coke*, Esq. then attorney-general, after a knight and a judge, and his immediate heir and descendant, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leicester*, in 1759, died lord and patron.

The tenths of this village were 52*s.* Deducted 16*s.* 8*d.*

The temporalities of *Wendling* abbey were 2*s.* 5*d.* ob.

The CHURCH is a rectory, valued at 6 marks, and together with the vicarage paid *Peter-pence*, 2*d.* ob.

*William Earl Warren* the third confirmed this grant of the church of *Chemeston*, with the appertenances, which *Wimer Dapifer* had formerly given to the priory of *Castleacre*, and *Roger Buzun* quit-claimed to the advowson.

*Eborard* Bishop of *Norwich* confirmed the appropriation of it to the priory, after the death of *John* the rector, in the time of *Henry I.*

King *John*, by his charter, and *Hubert* Archbishop of *Canterbury* are also said to have confirmed it; but it appears from the register of *Castleacre*, that *William de Alexon* was presented as rector, by the prior, in 1226.

The first vicar that I have met with was *Walter de Castleacre*, presented by the prior, and admitted by *Walter de Suffield* Bishop of *Norwich*, which was on the 11th of the calends of *March*, in his 2d year, 1246; at which time the endowment of the vicarage was settled, which was to consist in all the altarage, a manse, in all the free land of the said church, in a tenement which *Sewell* and *Agnes* held of the said land, in tithes of peas and beans, saving to the prior the residue of the great tithes, the vicar to be charged to all the dues of the Bishop and archdeacon; dated at *Elmham* as above: witnesses, Mr. *William de Suffield*, Mr. *Adam de Bromholm*, &c.\*

In 1604, Sir *Edward Coke* had a grant of this rectory impropriate.

The present valor of the vicarage is 4*l.* 18*s.* 4*d.* and is discharged of first fruits, &c.

\* Regist. Castlac.

## VICARS.

1302, *Roger de Newton*, vicar, presented by the prior of *Castleacre*.

1303, *Thomas Thori*. Ditto.

1316, *Robert Unwyne*. Ditto.

1349, *Thomas Cloo*. Ditto.

1350, *William de Hoggesthorp*. Ditto.

1352, *William de Kempston*. Ditto.

*Nicholas Bryselee*. Ditto.

1374, *William Gladehere*. Ditto.

1388, *John Messenger*. Ditto.

1390, *Robert Motte*. Ditto.

1391, *Richard, Gotte*. Ditto.

1396, *John Greylok*. Ditto.

1411, *Ad. Noche*. Ditto.

1426, *Clement Well*. Ditto.

*Geffrey Lacy* occurs vicar, 14th *Edward IV*.

1721, *William Neal*, by *Thomas Coke, Esq.*

1741, *Thomas George*, on *Neal's* death, by the Lord *Lovell*.

## KYPTON.

**T**HIS was one of the King's lordships at the survey, and farmed or held of him by *Godric*, and before that by *Aluric* and *Alfer*; there belonged to it 3 carucates of land, 2 borderers, and 3 acres of meadow, and 2 carucates in demean, but at the survey none, but four might be recovered; and 9 socmen had half a carucate of land, an acre of meadow; and the whole, with *Horningtoft*, was valued at the survey, at 7*l.* of the 9 socmen *Stigand* had the soc in King *Edward's* time, and *Ralph* (Earl of *Norfolk*) had invaded or seized on it, before he forfeited it by his rebellion, and upon that forfeiture, *Godric* holds it of the King.

It was measured with *Horningtoft*, and they both were 8 furlongs long, and 5 broad, and paid 4*d.* gelt.<sup>7</sup>

This lordship was granted soon after the survey to *Alan* Earl of *Richmond*, and in the 8th year of *Edward I.* Sir *Robert de Tateshale* was found to hold one knight's fee here, in *Horningtoft* and *Wyssynset*

<sup>7</sup> Terre Regis qua' Godric. servat. — Chipetuna tenuer. Aluric. et Alfer. iiii car. t're. sep. ii bor. et iiii ac. p'ti. tnc. ii car in d'mo. p. et mo. nulla. sed iiii possent restaurari et ix soc. dim. car t're et i ac. p'ti. sep. i car. totu' val. tc. iiii

lib. p. vi lib. mo. vii ad numeru' de his ix soc. Stigand. soca' habuit T. R. E. Rad. antequ' forisfecerit, ea' invasit, et tenuit ea' id's. tenet Godric. Totu' Horninge toft ht. viii quar. in longo, et v in lato, et iiii de gelto.

of the honour of *Richmond*, paying 10s. ward to the castle, yearly, and these lordships were then valued by an extent, at 40*l.* per ann.

*Thomas Burt* claimed free warren in his demesns here, and in *Horningtoft*, in the 15th of *Edward I.* and held it of the *Tateshales*.

After this, in the 31st of that King, *Gregory de Castello*, and *Hugh de Sprouston*, held the same, and in the 41st of *Henry VI.* *John Duke of Bedford* was found to die seized of it, held of him by *Thomas Lucas*, and belonging to the manor of *Swaffham*, being parcel of *Richmond* honour.

In the 55th of the said King, *Tho. Lucas* held it of *Edmund Earl of Richmond*.

In the 36th of *Henry VIII.* the King granted license to *Mary Duchess of Richmond and Somerset*, to alien this manor to *Thomas Broke* and *John Williams*; and in the said year, Oct. 28, the King granted to *Tho. Wriothesley* and *Jane* his wife, a manor and messuages, lands and a fen, in the tenure of *Sir Roger Townsend*, lately belonging to *Westacre* priory.

*Roger Townsend*, son and heir of *Sir Roger*, was possessed of it in the 7th of *Elizabeth*, in which family it still remains; a moiety (as I take it) of the old *Richmond* fee.

The town has been quite demolished, many years: it stood probably near to the place called *Kypton-Ash*, where there is kept a great sheep fair, on the ——— yearly, and is now in the parish of *Wesenhams*.

*Godfrey de Lisewis* (of whom see in *Rainham*) gave by deed, sans date 12 acres of land lying at *Ciptune Blachhoe*; and by another deed with the consent of *Maud* his wife, and *William* his son and heir 24 acres lying on the heath of *Kypton Blachhoe*.<sup>5</sup>

In the 17th of *Edward II.* *Henry*, son of *Reginald de Sprouston*, and *Margaret* his wife, granted by fine to *Thomas*, son of *Thomas de Stirton*, the manor of *Kypton*, *Thomas* paying to *Henry* an annuity of 20*l.* per ann.

*John Wharles* or *Quarles*, of *Holkham*, and *Margaret* his wife, conveyed, in the 7th of *Henry IV.* to *John Felbrigg* and ——— *Gurney*, 100 acres of land, 3 of meadow, and 30 of pasture in *Wesenhams*, *Rainham*, and the moiety of the manor of *Kypton*; and *Thomas Lucas* of *Holkham*, Esq. by his will dated *February 25, 1446*, gives to *Etheldreda* his wife, his manor of *Kypton*, lying in *Wesenhams* also, and *Rainham*, until *Elizabeth* his daughter was of age, then the said daughter to have one half thereof, and *Etheldreda* the other during her life, remainder to *Elizabeth* and her heirs lawfully begotten, remainder to *Stephen Lucas* his brother, remainder to the right heirs of the testator; <sup>9</sup> proved *April 20, 1447*, being a moiety of the aforesaid *Richmond* fee. *Thomas Lucas* inherited it as heir to the *Neals*: see in *Holkham*.

After this it came to the *Southwells*, and *Sir Robert Southwell* died seized of it in the 6th of *Henry VIII.* and in the 17th of that King, *Richard Southwell*, Esq. son and heir of *Francis*, brother to *Sir Robert*, had livery of it. In a computus of *John Forbie*, steward to *Sir Richard Southwell*, in the 3d of *Elizabeth*, it appears, that the rent of assize of the free and bond tenants was 57*s.* 9*d.* ob.; rent of capons,

<sup>8</sup> Regist. Castleac.

<sup>9</sup> Regist. Wilby, Norw. fol. 133



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MAYORS, *sane date.*

ROBERT, son of Ranulph,  
Gilbert,  
Robert,  
Adam L'Espie,  
William de Carleton,  
John Costyn,  
— de St. Omer,  
James,  
Robert de London,  
James de Beauvreyt,  
James de Bevate,

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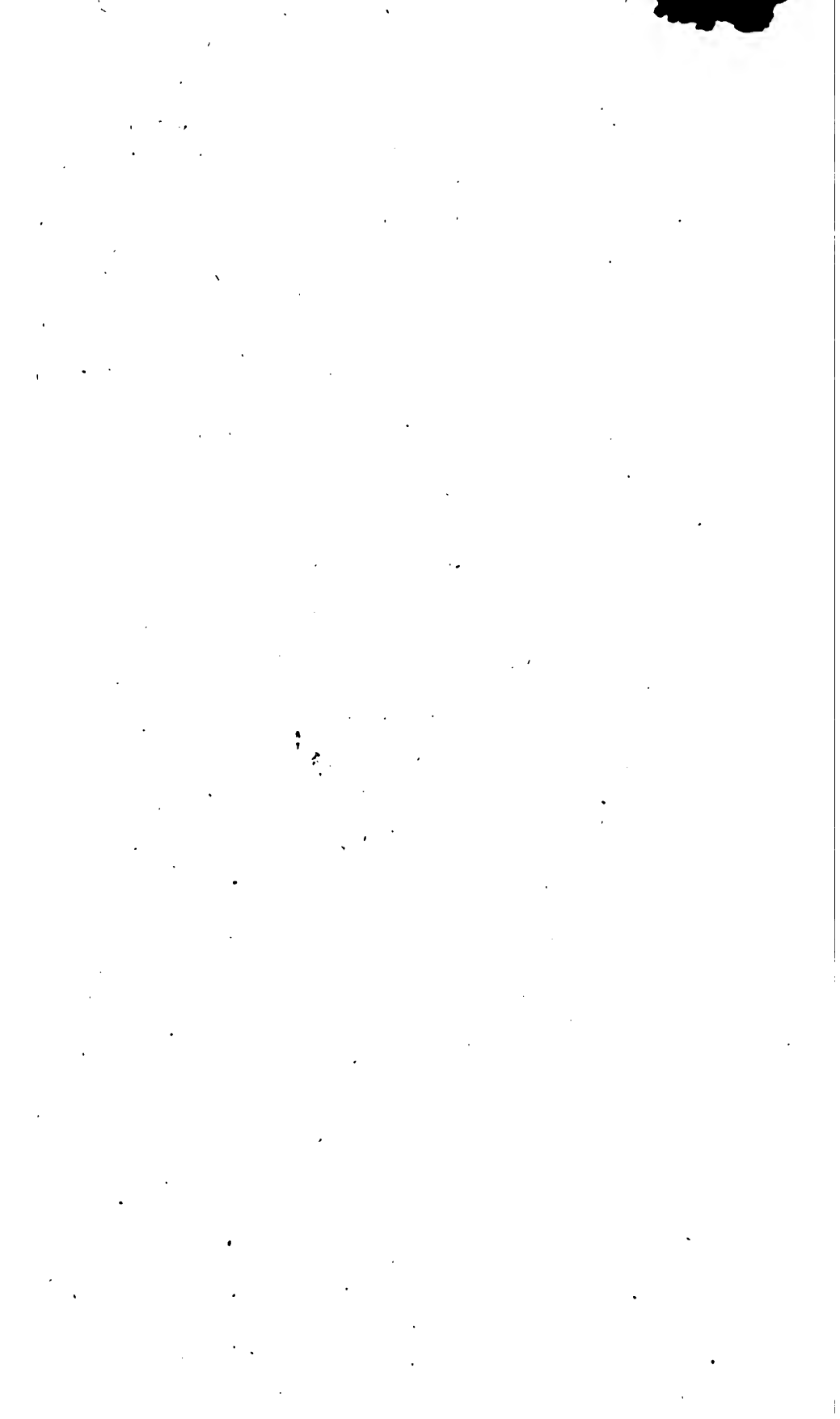
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3s.; farm of the demesns 9l. 11s. 6d.; for 830 sheep, at 30s. *per* hundred, 12l. 9s. 9d.; perquisites of court 12d.; rents paid to the bailiff of the honour of *Richmond* 5s. *per ann.*; <sup>1</sup> to the bailiff of the Duke of *Norfolk's* manor of *Castleacre* priory 21d. *ob.*; to the rector of *South Reynham*, late belonging to the priory of *Blackborough* 6d. *per ann.*; to the bailiff of the manor of *Scales* in *South Reynham* 12d. and *Mdm.* an arrear of rent of 15 years, from the executors of *Sir Roger Townsend*, 15s. 8d.

In the 40th of *Elizabeth*, it belonged to *Edward Coke*, Esq. afterwards lord chief justice: this seems to be a part of the old *Richmond* fee, and is still in the family, the Right Honourable the Earl of *Leicester* holding it at his death in 1759. A rent of 5s. *per ann.* is paid to the manor of *Swaffham*.

<sup>1</sup> It was paid to the lord of *Swaffham* manor of that honour in *Norfolk*, for manor in *Norfolk*. Ao. 1616, the capital *Kypton-Green* manor in *Wesenhams*.





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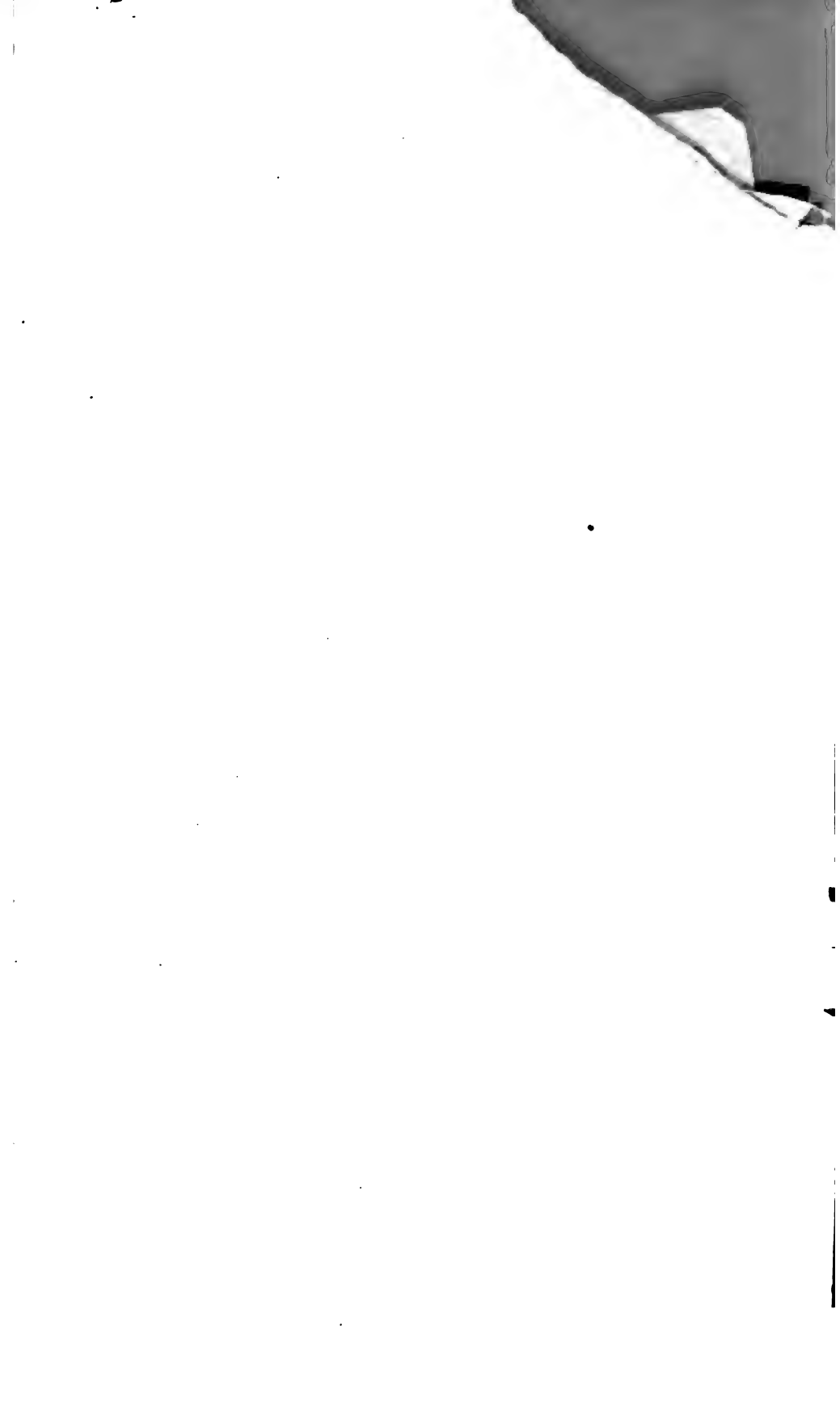
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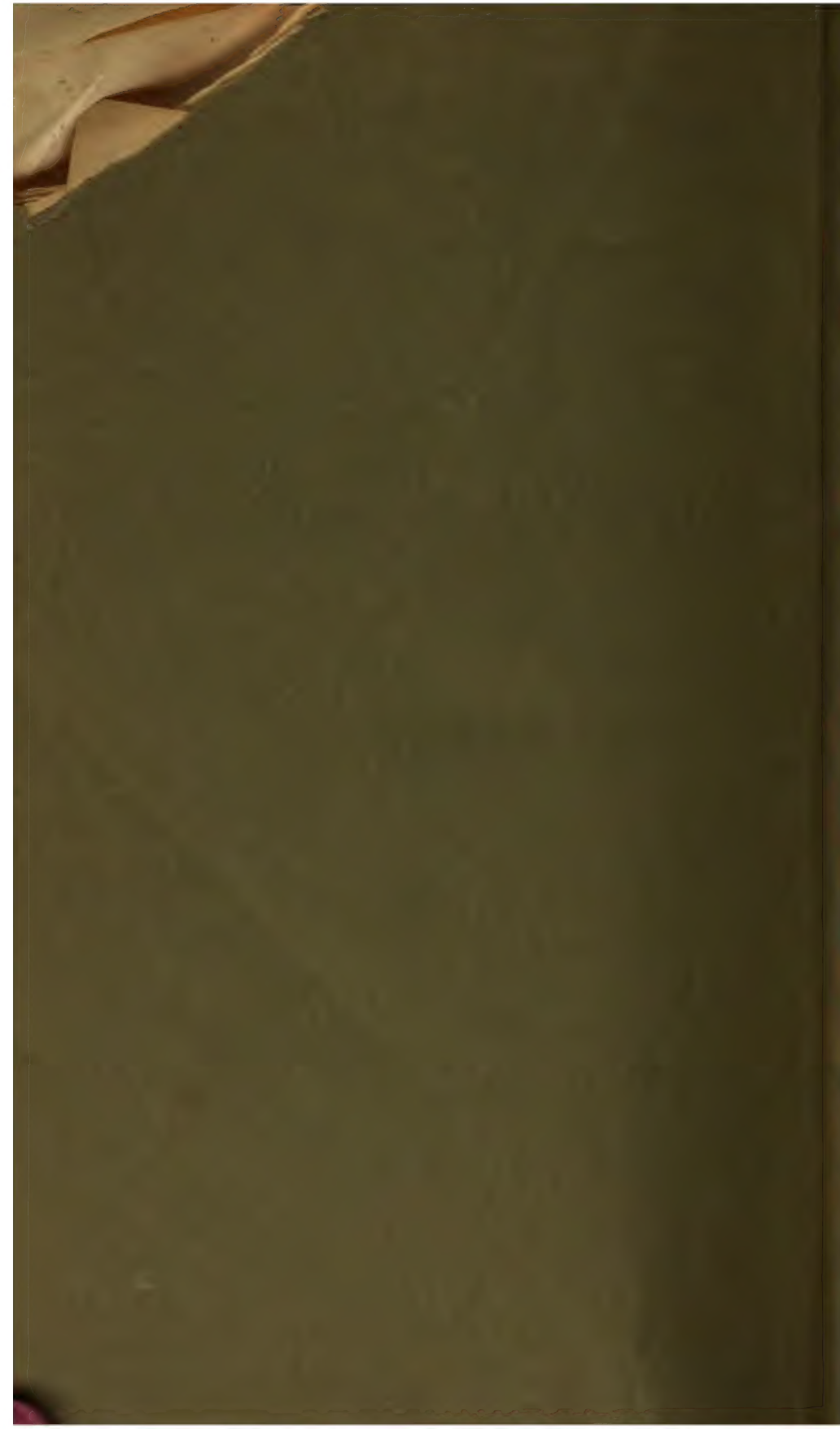
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